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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE NAVAL BASE

HONG KONG'S MONEY APPROPRIATED
FOR NAVY VOTES

"FALSE PRETENCES"

LORD BEATTY'S WARNING ON NAVAL PARITY

Speaking in the House of Lords yesterday, on the Singapore Naval Base, Lord Stanhope asserted that much work had been carried out in recent years at the naval bases of Japan and in the Hawaiian Islands. Therefore, it was incomprehensible that the Government would expect Japan and the United States to remark upon what Great Britain was doing at Singapore.

Lord Thomson declared that the Government did not intend to use the Singapore scheme as a bargaining counter at the Naval Conference. They were entering the conference with clean hands, and if they achieved the hope for success they would be able to apply some of the results to the Singapore scheme. Any proposal affecting the scheme as a whole or the date of its completion would be made subject to full consultation with the Governments of the Dominions, Malaya and Hong Kong.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Rugby, Yesterday.
Mr. A. W. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, stated that the amounts contributed by Hong Kong, the Federated Malay States and New Zealand towards the expenditure on the base at Singapore were £250,000, £1,200,000 and £250,000. Of the total of £1,700,000, £1,254,000 had been appropriated by the Admiralty in relief expenditure falling on the Navy votes. The balance of £446,000 had been credited to the Army and Air Force votes, in relief of expenditure falling on these votes.—British Wireless Service.

"FALSE PRETENCES"

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, after Mr. A. V. Alexander had replied to a question and enumerated the appropriations in connection with the Singapore base and the contributions of Hong Kong, the Malay States and New Zealand, Sir Henry Page Croft asked whether the Government would see the money thus "obtained under false pretences," were returned to the contributors.

Mr. Alexander did not reply.
BATTLESHIP PROGRAMME
Mr. Kelly asked what would be the saving on the Naval estimates if, for each of the next three years, it was decided not to replace any battleships now in commission, and secondly, what would be the additional saving if half the number of battleships now in commission were scrapped.

Mr. Ammon replied that the battleship replacement programme contained in the Washington Naval Agreement provided for two new battleships to be laid down by the British Empire in 1931, and two more in 1932, assuming that such were the maximum permissible displacement. The estimated cost would be in 1931 £1,080,000 and in 1932 £1,065,000. As regards the second part of the question the annual cost of maintenance of eight of the sixteen existing battleships was roughly £2,800,000, of which £1,500,000 was for pay, allowances, insurance, and victualling. He was unable to say what would be the actual effect on the Naval estimates of the policy indicated by the questioner.

A POWERFUL GERMAN

The House of Lords to-day, debated the reduction of British cruisers on a motion by Lord Stanhope, who instanced Germany as a non-participant in the Washington Conference, who legitimately built a 10,000-ton cruiser, well armed and too fast to be caught by a battleship, and too powerful to be handled by any cruiser under the Washington limitations. The only vessel capable of coping with the situation was a battle cruiser, and the maintenance of battle cruisers would necessitate a larger number of battleships than otherwise necessary.

Lord Beatty declared that Britain was approaching the conference with figures representing a dangerous minimum. The extremely low limit of cruiser tonnage caused apprehension to those who had given consideration to that vital question.

LORD BEATTY PUZZLED

Lord Beatty said he was unable to understand how parity on cruisers might be achieved, unless it were to be a parity having regard to the commitments and obligations of each nation.

Lord Thomson gave assurance that the Government policy vis-a-vis the security of the Empire was unaltered by a single point, and said that if the Conference succeeded the Government was confident that the Admiralty would be able to continue adequately and discharge its responsibilities of Naval defence. He assured Lord Beatty that the Government had carefully noted his remarks.—Reuter.

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

PUPILS SCORE RECORD
ATTENDANCE

MRS. DYER'S INTEREST

The annual prize-giving of the Kowloon Junior School took place at "Parkside," King's Park, this morning, when a large attendance of parents heard a satisfactory report of the working of the school. The total number of pupils attending school was 116, as against the previous record in 1925 of 104 children.

"Parkside" is the new premises of the Junior School, and is very spacious, possessing a tennis court that has been utilised as a playground and also a compound at the rear of the building.

The court was this morning decorated with flags, and the prize giving took place in the open. Supporting Miss M. Cooper, Headmistress, at the prize table were Mrs. R. M. Dyer, who takes a great interest in the School, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Inspector of the Educational Board, Rev. and Mrs. Horace Johnson.

Mrs. Dyer very graciously presented the prizes, and after the pleasing ceremony, she was presented with a large bouquet of flowers.
Mr. Sutherland, extended warm thanks to her, and said that she had taken great interest in the well-fare of the school. Mrs. Dyer, he said, always appeared to be giving prizes away, or attending prize-giving ceremonies, and her interest in these matters was very large.
The Rev. Horace Johnson, seconded Mr. Sutherland's remarks, after which the gathering dispersed, and went around the school to see the different works

WHO ARE THEY? (Prizes Given for Identification.)



The above dozen caricatures, drawn by our artist, depict the leading members of the cast of "The Geisha," now being performed at the Theatre Royal. Can you identify them? The Management will award a box of chocolates to the sender of the first letter giving the correct names for each artist. In the case of a tie, two boxes of chocolates will be given. The Editor's decision will be final, and no discussion can be entered into.

IN HANDS OF BANDITS

FATE OF A WESLEYAN
MISSIONARY
TAKEN TO THE HILLS

Hankow, Yesterday.
Mr. H. A. K. Sandy, of the Wesleyan Mission at Tayeh, a mining town 50 miles south-east of Hankow, who was captured by bandits or communists (who asked \$10,000 ransom) on December 14, is believed to have been taken to the hills at Yang-sin-chen.

Chinese National troops have been sent to endeavour to locate him.—British Naval Wireless.
[The "Reds" concerned drove out the Government troops and occupied the town for three hours. They were well disciplined, and there was no indiscriminate looting. They carried off Mr. Sandy, who left without hat and coat, and a magistrate, amongst others. It is believed that the magistrate was afterwards released, but Mr. E. H. Livesley, of the Salem Mission, was also abducted.]

the children had done during the school year.
Prior to the distribution, all the children of the school rendered a song; while Class 7 sang "The Fairy's Lullaby" and the Cookoo."

HEADMISTRESS REPORT

This is our first prize-giving to be held at "Parkside" and we welcome you all to our new home. We removed here from Gun Club Hill in January of this year, as the Military needed the premises, and I think you will all agree that we have benefited by the change. The large tennis court is especially delightful as a playground for the small children. Next year we hope to have a play-shed erected, where the Gymnastic and Singing lessons can be given, and to be used as an Assembly Hall.
(Continued on Page 7.)

STOP PRESS

Halifax (Nova Scotia), Yesterday.
Eight cable repair steamers have not yet succeeded in repairing three undersea cables. The ships are now here refuelling and a report of the grappling operations indicates that there has been a tremendous upheaval and cracking of the ocean bed off Newfoundland, but no radical change in the depth of the sea bed. The difficulties encountered have been mainly due to the changed nature of the sea bed and deposits of clay on the grappling irons instead of the usual soft ooze.

The area affected extends approximately to 300 miles north and south and 100 miles east and west.
The loss to the cable companies before repairs are effected will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.
The Furness liner "Fort Victoria" (7,784 tons) with 260 passengers, sank after a collision outside New York Harbour with the Clyde liner "Algonquin" carrying 180 passengers in a fog. All aboard the "Fort Victoria" were safely transferred to a pilot boat after the accident.—Reuter's American Service.

Paris, Yesterday.
Lebriz and Rosso have reached India and are flying to Allahabad.
Reuter.

To-day's rainfall 0.06 inch
1929 rainfall 69.57 inches
Average 82.66 inches
Deficit 13.09 inches

GENERALLY FAIR

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: A strong anti-cyclone is central over S. E. Mongolia; depressions are shown over N. Indo-China and to the S.E. of Guam.
Moderate monsoon is over the N. China Sea and along the S.E. coast of China; coastal fog.
Forecast:—E. winds; moderate; generally fair; some fog.

DISTRICT WATCHMAN NOT BELIEVED

CONFLICT WITH A POLICE
INFORMER
SNATCHING CASE

A snatching case before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning was marred by a conflict of evidence between a Chinese Police informer and a District Watchman. It led to the Magistrate ordering the D. W. to stand down from the witness box with the remark: "You are telling deliberate lies, intending to get credit."

The case concerned two Chinese boys who were charged with the theft of a gold mounted rattan bangle from the wrist of a Chinese baby which was being carried on an old woman's back in Morrison Hill Road, Wanchai. The first accused, the smaller boy, was further charged with stabbing the Police informer on the left side with a penknife. The informer was not seriously injured, however, receiving only a slight scratch.

His Worship convicted both accused of robbery of the bangle. First accused was also convicted of assaulting the informer. As he had a previous conviction the Magistrate sentenced him to six months and 10 strokes of the birch on the first charge and two months on the other, the sentences to run concurrently.

Second accused, who was much older, was sentenced to six months and 18 strokes of the birch for the robbery.

Four masked gunmen held up 150 dancers at the home of Mr. Henry Harris, president of the General Alloy Company, in Illinois, and took from them money and jewellery to the value of \$15,000. After a revolver fight with the police two men were arrested, one of them seriously wounded.

CANTON REBELS PUT TO ROUT

RESUMPTION OF NORMAL
TRAFFIC EXPECTED
FOREIGNERS SAFE

Rugby, Yesterday.
According to reports received in London, the situation in China continues to improve. In the South, Cantonese forces are advancing up the West River, and the resumption of normal traffic is expected shortly. A British gunboat at Wuchow reports that no molestation of foreigners has occurred, but she will remain until the Canton occupation is completed.—British Wireless Service.

Wuchow Given Up
Making no attempt whatsoever to hold their ground, the Kwangsi Army which invaded Kwangtung and approached to within 30 miles of Canton ten days ago is not only on the run but has also given up the only port of their province, Wuchow, on the West River.

From Wuchow, the following wireless report was sent down yesterday:—

"The situation here is still quiet, but the Kwangsi troops have evacuated the city and the Nationalist troops coming up here along the West River have been asked to take over."

Wuchow has seen several dramatic changes of late. First of all the Cantonese went up as friends to resist the Ironsides, who wheeled into Kwangtung instead. Then the Kwangsi-ites preferred to join the rebellious Ironsides and made a surprise turn on the Cantonese. The Cantonese thereupon withdrew from Wuchow, the inhabitants of which forthwith invited the Kwangsi-ites to take control.

Then the Kwangsi-ites followed the Cantonese down the West River, were defeated and have now gone back. It is their turn now to give up Wuchow and the inhabitants, desiring only protection no matter from whom, declare that they welcome the Cantonese again. It has to be remembered that some of the inhabitants were killed by the recent bomb attack launched by the Cantonese aeroplanes.

It is apparent, however, that the Kwangsi-ites are retiring into the fastnesses of Kwangsi, whence the Cantonese may find it hard to dislodge them. The Ironsides have been pushed in the extreme north-west of Kwangtung and are in a precarious position. Fine corps though it was it is in danger of being broken up at last.

Canton Now Secure

With both the Kwangsi-ites and the Ironsides thrown out of striking distance, Canton is secure again and the prestige of the National Government restored. The Northern troops sent down by the National Government are taking part in the pursuit of the rebels.

For their spectacular victory when the enemy was almost within hall of Canton, the loyalists have mainly to thank a German military expert. He accompanied General Ho Ying-ching down from Nanking in a Chinese warship.

It is known that he is one of the military advisers of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek who came out to China with the late Colonel Bauer, the friend of Ludendorff. He has been "attached" to Ho Ying-ching at Hankow and, when the latter was transferred to Canton to assume supreme command, the German soldier came with him.

Having decided to defend the line (which was connected by railways and roads all leading out of Canton and therefore conveying an immense strategic advantage) so near to Canton, the German adviser directed the counter-attack which threw the Ironsides and Kwangsi-ites back into rapid retreat.

Gunboats in Hong Kong
The National gunboats "Yuan Kong" and "Yuan Tai" also the despatch vessel "Lien Ching," have arrived in Hong Kong from Canton, on their way back to North China, whence they came South recently with reinforcements from Canton. Their departure from the war zone, following the leaving of General Ho, indicates that the National Government considers the situation in Kwangtung to be no longer critical.

TRAGIC AIR CRASH

CAPE FLIERS COME
TO GRIEF

BOTH KILLED ACCIDENT REPORTED BY NATIVES

London, Yesterday.
There has been no definite news of the Air Force monoplane on its way to the Cape, since a wireless message from the neighbourhood of Sardinia at 4 p.m. yesterday. Hence, apprehension was excited by the announcement of the Air Ministry this evening that, according to an unconfirmed report for Tunis, natives saw a large aeroplane descend in South Tunis, which was the route of the Cape flight. The Air Ministry adds that immediate action is being taken to investigate the report and ascertain the condition of the crew.

Paris, Yesterday.
Reports from Bizerta state that natives in the region of Zaghouan report that they saw an aeroplane crash. The two occupants were killed.

BOTH MEN KILLED

London, Later.
In the House of Lords to-day, Lord Thomson announced that he had heard from the British Consul-General at Tunis that an Air Force monoplane flying to the Cape had crashed 20 miles south of Tunis. Both officers were killed, but there were no further details.—Reuter.

LE BRIX'S SAFE LANDING

Paris, Yesterday.
Le Brix landed at Basra to-day, and left for Saigon in the evening. [A radio message from Le Brix and Rossi yesterday stated that they passed over St. Raphael, Var. The plane's wireless subsequently broke down, but the plane was reported to be approaching Bizerta, Tunis.]

UNCONFIRMED REPORT

Rugby, Yesterday.
Since Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins, who were attempting to fly on a non-stop journey from England to Capetown, were reported off the North-West coast of Sardinia, there has been no news of them. The Air Ministry announces this evening, however, that an unconfirmed report from Tunis has been received that the native saw a large aeroplane come down south of Tunis. Immediate action is being taken to confirm the report and ascertain the identity of machine.—British Wireless Service.

NO LAND STATIONS

At mid-day no news had been received at the Air Ministry of the Fairley monoplane since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. No undue anxiety is yet felt for the safety of the airmen, as it is considered likely that their silence is explained by the failure of land stations to intercept routine signals.

[The R.A.F. officers, Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins in the Fairley-Mayer monoplane, were reported 50 miles off the North-West coast of Sardinia at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on December 17.]

THE NAMES

London, To-day.
The officers who crashed on the R.A.F. monoplane are Major A. G. Jones Williams, M.C., and Flight-Lieut. N. H. Jenkins, O.B.E., D.F.C.—Reuter.

STOLE PRIZE BIRDS

Cane For Young Chinese
Thieves

Before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy two Chinese youths, aged 14 and 12, were charged with the theft of four Leghorn white chickens from 39, Granville Road, the house of Mr. de Silva.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys stated that the chickens were American prize birds and were worth \$9 each.
The Magistrate ordered both the accused to receive 12 strokes of the cane.

Reports of miraculous cures at a Massachusetts cemetery led to its invasion by 200,000 persons, who fought in their eagerness to touch a priest's tomb.

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His Excellency the Governor has intimated his willingness to preside at the meeting, at which a resolution for the formation of the Club will be moved.

All those who propose to join the Club, either as Flying or Associate members are requested to make a special effort to attend.

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THE SILK MARKET**Mussolini Considers The Situation**

Rome, Yesterday.
Signor Mussolini presided at a meeting to consider the situation of the silk market from the point of view of its immediate consequences on Italy's economic position; and resolved to establish immediately a financial syndicate under the auspices of the Government for the purpose of stemming the present instability of prices and regulating the silk market.—Reuter.

MINE DISASTER**62 Workers Killed At Oklahoma**

New York, Yesterday.
Sixty-two miners were killed in an explosion in a coal mine at north McAlester in Oklahoma. Only two were found alive.

Miraculous Escape
So far 23 bodies, most badly mangled, have been recovered from the mine. The miners are mostly Mexicans and negroes. Three Mexican miners had a miraculous escape. They were found alive, but injured. Some of the men appear to have run long distances frantically attempting to escape the fumes of gas. This made rescue work difficult. Eleven rescue parties are taking turns donning gas masks and entering the mine.—Reuter's American Service.

SPANISH DICTATOR**"No Change," Says Primo de Rivera**

Madrid, Yesterday.
General Primo de Rivera, in a newspaper interview referring to rumours of the imminent end of the Dictatorship, said he would remain at his post cost what it may, even if his health suffered. He added: "If it could be arranged, with the help of honest and intelligent men, to ensure order and prosperity, the Dictatorship would efface itself, perhaps as early as next year." "For a moment there will be no brusque change, but a methodical system of stepping stones, obviating all risks."—Reuter.

CORRUPTION**A Japanese General Accused of Profit**

Tokyo, Yesterday.
General Hanzo Yamashita has been indicted on a charge of corruption during his Governor-Generalship of Korea. It is explained that he is charged with accepting bribes in connection with the establishment of a rice exchange at Fusan, and also with allowing his subordinates to indulge in graft in connection with land purchase, and other matters.—Reuter.

"MAGNA CHARTA"**Runnymede Given To The Nation**

Rugby, Yesterday.
In order to preserve for ever the site where the Magna Charta was signed by King John, and to honour the memory of the late Mr. Urban Broughton, his elder son, Lord Fairhaven, and other members of the Broughton family have presented to the National Trust 160 acres of land on the banks of the Thames near Egham, including Runnymede.—British Wireless Service.

CHINA'S C.E.R. RIGHTS

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Lunan Anti-Soviet Association has wired that in the Sino-Russian negotiations China must uphold her C.E.R. rights and hold Russia responsible for damages. The Cholon Chinese Chamber of Commerce petitions an early conclusion of the new Sino-French commercial treaty, permitting among other things the use of the Chinese "book-keeping" system.—Canton News Agency.

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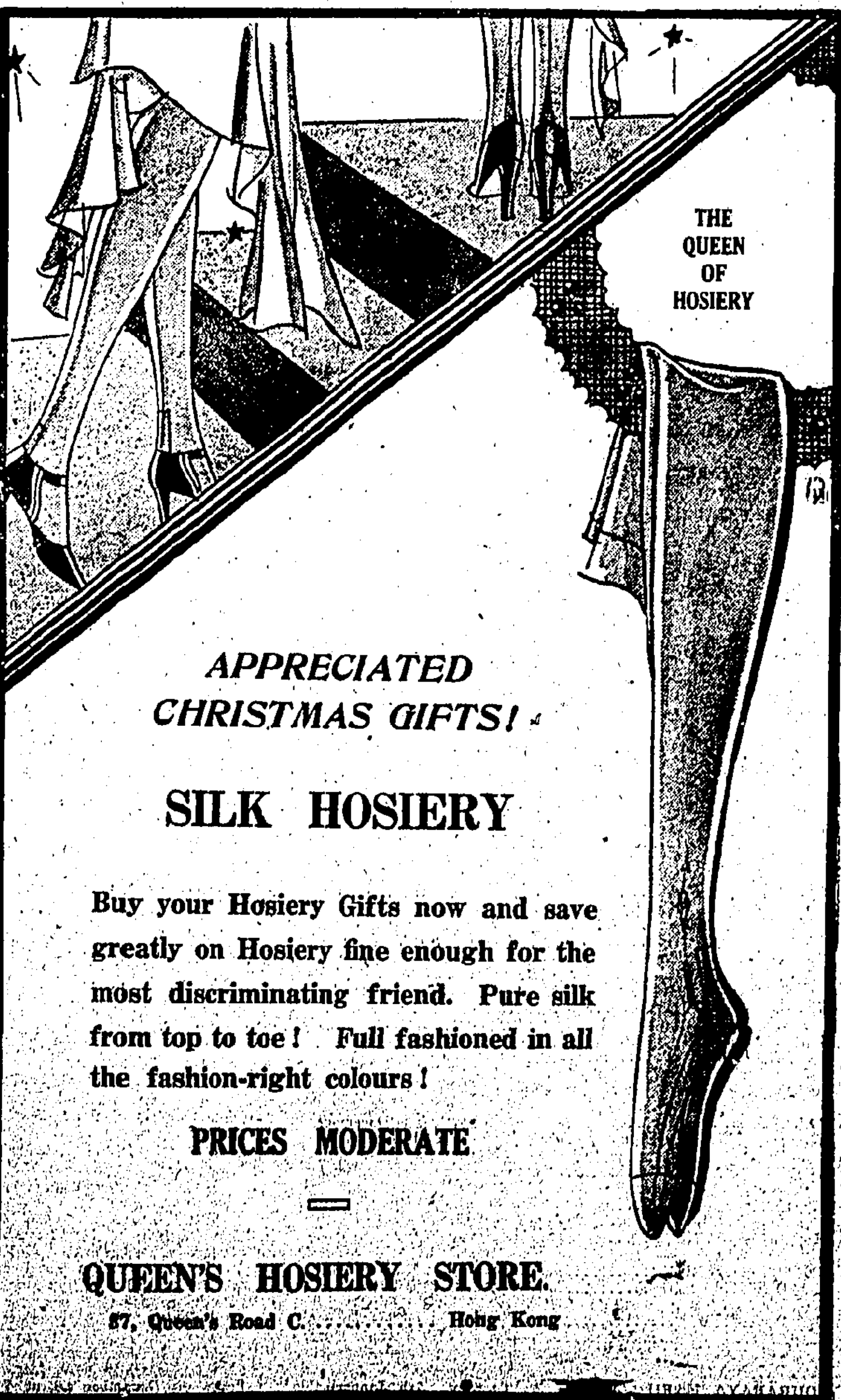
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ALTAI MARU Wednesday, 8th January.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.

MANILA MARU Tuesday, 24th December.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.

SUMATRA MARU Friday, 29th December.

MEIGEN MARU Friday, 8th January.

* (Calls at Penang & Karachi).

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BAR & MOMBASA**—Via Singapore & Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Thursday, 2nd January.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

CELEBES MARU Thursday, 19th December.

TACOMA MARU Thursday, 2nd January.

* (Calls at Batavia & Delli).

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, Tacoma MARU & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from
Shanghai.

PARIS MARU Sunday, 22nd December.

ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 27th December.

MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.

BURMA MARU Saturday, 4th January.

HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Fakhel.

MENADO MARU Thursday, 26th Dec. 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

HAVANA MARU Wednesday, 8th January.

JAPAN PORTS.

SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 24th December.

HOKKAIDO MARU Sunday, 29th December.

KRELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.

CANTON MARU Sunday, 22nd Dec. Noon.

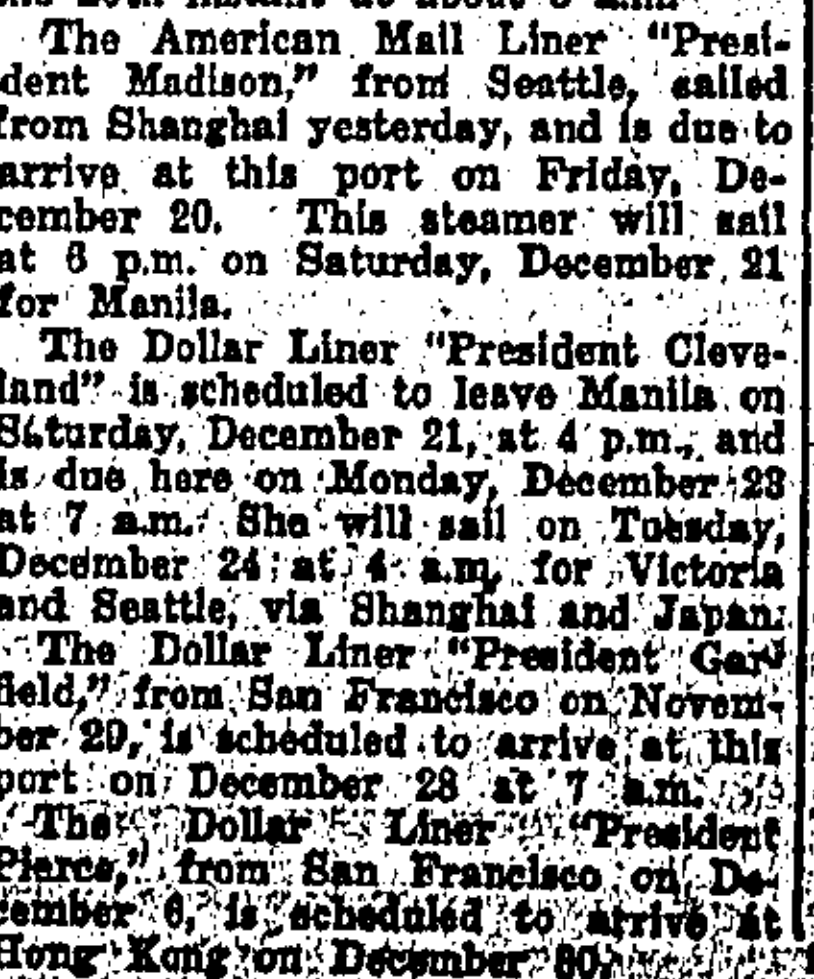
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 23rd Dec. Noon.

TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.

TAKAO & KRELUNG.

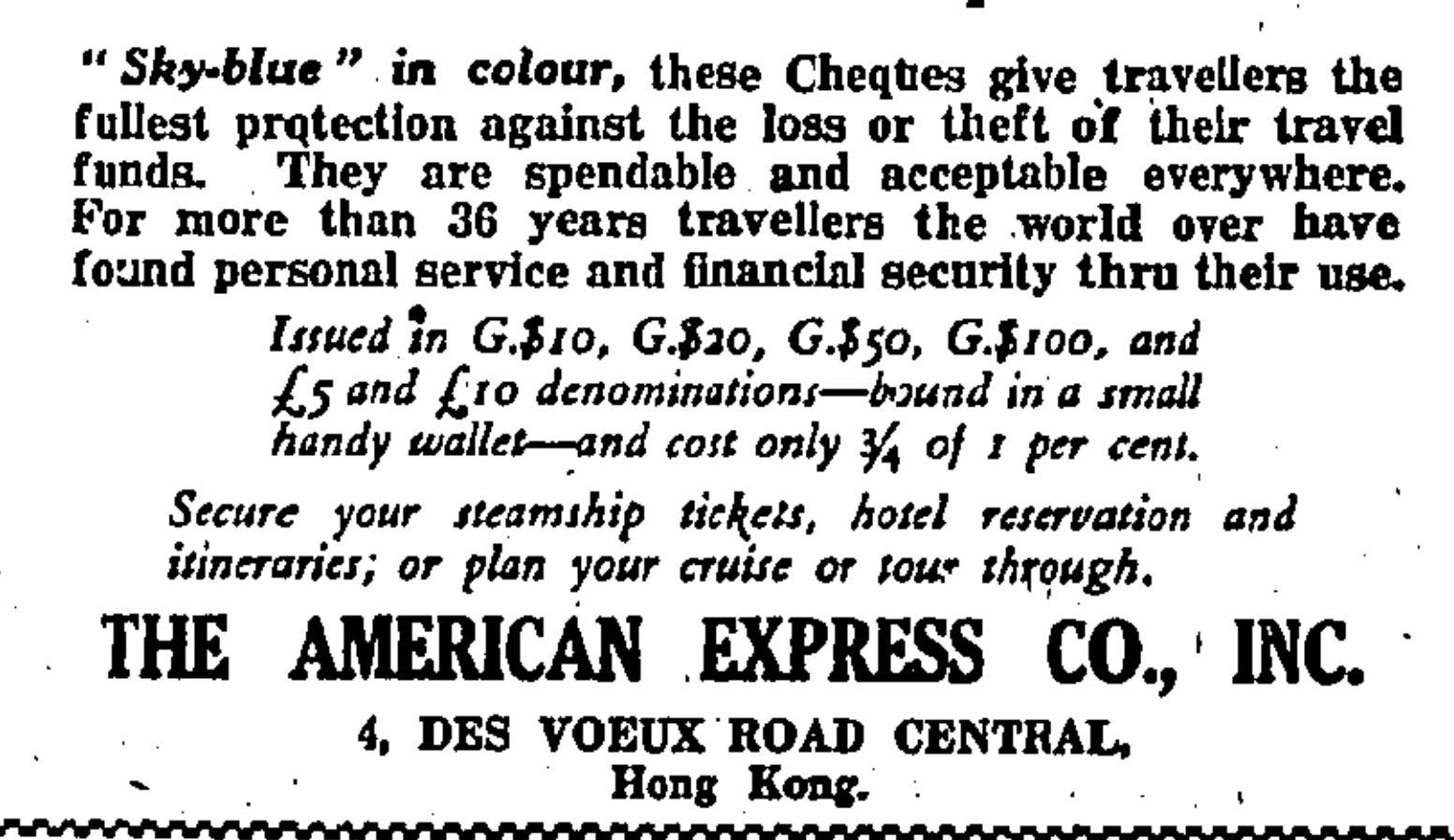
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At north arm, "Somme".
West wall, "Kent" (daguish).
In Dock, "Sepoy", "Seraph", "Brazilian".
No. 4 Buoy, "Herald".
No. 5 Buoy, "Hermes".
No. 6 Buoy, "Corwall".
No. 7 Buoy, "Siroda".
No. 12 Buoy, "Tigra".
Foreign Man-of-War in harbour were:—
Chinese gunboat, "Yuan Tai".
Chinese gunboat, "Yuan Keng".
Chinese gunboat, "Yuan Kang".
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1930			
RAJPUTANA	10,568	4th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
LAHORE	5,304	11th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KHIVA	9,135	18th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
MIRZAPORE	6,715	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
JEYPORE	5,318	25th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
MANTUA	10,946	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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1930			
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TALMA	10,000	23rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SHIRALA	7,841	8th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,936	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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1930			
MANTUA	10,946	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
NELLORE	8,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
TALMA	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KIDDERPORE	6,834	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
KARMALA	9,128	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
TAKLIWA	7,936	28th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.

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NATIVE RIOTS IN
S.E. NIGERIAVILLAGE WOMEN FIRED ON BY
POLICE: MANY KILLED

TROUBLE OVER TAX

London, Yesterday.
The Colonial Office states that
the Nigerian disturbances were in
the provinces of Owerri, Ogoja
and Calabar—Reuter.

Native Unrest

Rugby, Yesterday.
Questioned in Parliament re-
garding the native unrest in South
Eastern Nigeria. Dr. Drummond
Sheles, Under-Secretary for India,
said that, according to scanty in-
formation received the cause of
the disturbances was the assess-
ment, which involved counting
the women in certain districts.
This gave rise to the wholly un-
founded rumour that it was in-
tended to impose direct taxation
on the women, whilst the recent
lowering of prices paid by mer-
chants for native produce was a
further contributing factor. On
December 11 large crowds as-
sembled and, in spite of assur-
ances that there was no intention
of taxing the women, they pro-
ceeded to loot and destroy prop-
erty at various places in the
neighbourhood of Aba and Opo-
bo. Additional police were brought
in to deal with the situation and
were reinforced by detachments of
the Royal West African Frontier
Force.

No More Troops

On December 15 the Governor
reported there were sufficient
troops and police on the spot to
deal with the situation. On Decem-
ber 16 he reported that it had
been necessary to introduce addi-
tional troops and police, and the
rioters had attacked officials at
Opo, where it had been neces-
sary for the police to fire, caus-
ing 18 casualties, which, he re-
gretted to say, were all women.
It was not stated how many were
fatal.

Primitive Condition

The districts in question were
a long way from headquarters and
the people were still largely in a
primitive condition. It would
probably be some time before the
situation became quite clear.

Telegraphing last night, the
Governor reported that the situa-
tion round Aba was now satisfac-
tory, and every effort was being
made to avoid further bloodshed.

—British Wireless Service.

Natives Killed

London, Yesterday.
According to information received
in London, disturbances have occur-
red in the Nigeria towns of Opo-
bo and Aba, where 45 natives were
killed, after rioting. The casual-
ties include 12 women. The latter
fomented the agitation, and or-
ganised attacks on some of the

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has
been obtained by aid of the Tide-
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components for the better prediction
of tides, from the result of the
analysis of the tidal observations
taken at the Kowloon tidal obser-
vatory under the direction of Dr.
Dobereck during the years 1887, 1888
and 1889.

The times and heights are given
for Kowloon, but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being very
small.

The times of high and low-water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

December 19 to 25, 1929.

D.O.	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
DATE	Standard Times	Standard Times
Thurs 19	1 44 10 18	4 54 4 15
Fri 20	2 54 11 54	3 58 5 18
Sat 21	3 42 12 42	3 53 5 13
Sun 22	4 09 1 09	3 43 5 03
Mon 23	4 30 1 30	3 34 4 54
Tues 24	4 41 1 41	3 25 4 45
Wed 25	4 52 1 52	3 16 4 36

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London, Yesterday.
At their own request all the
Dominions are to be specially pro-
tected against Soviet propaganda.
This announcement was made by
Mr. Arthur Henderson in the House
of Commons in the course of a de-
bate on a Conservative motion dis-
approving the methods of the
Government in the conduct of their
negotiations with the Soviet. Mr.
Henderson said that it had been ar-
ranged that, at the presentation of
Mr. Sokolnikoff's credentials at the
end of the week, there would be an
exchange of Notes between the Bri-

"HAICHING" PIRACY

A number of questions were
asked relating to the "Hai-
ching" piracy by the Hon. Mr.
Owen Hughes at this after-
noon's meeting of the Legisla-
tive Council.

The official replies were:
These matters will receive
sympathetic consideration at
the hands of the Government
as soon as the enquiry into the
circumstances of the piracy
have been completed.

It is understood to be the
policy of His Majesty's Govern-
ment that the Guards should
be withdrawn on April 1 next.
The Hong Kong Government
will give careful consideration
to such representations on this
point as may be made by the
Hong Kong General Chamber
of Commerce or by British ship-
ping firms.

tish and Soviet Governments, cover-
ing propaganda between the United
Kingdom and the Soviet. Also, at
the request of the Dominions, there
would be a supplementary Note in
which each Dominion would be
specially mentioned, giving exactly
the same undertaking as was secur-
ed on the question of propaganda for
the United Kingdom.

Replying to Sir Austen Chamber-
lain, Mr. Henderson said that India
was not named as a Dominion, but
was included as part of the British
Empire. Mr. Henderson said that
once relations were resumed the
Government had to watch the ques-
tion of propaganda in the event of
its continuing, and use all diplomatic
means to have it discontinued. The
Conservative motion was defeated
by 254 votes to 107.

"Nothing Unusual"

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Henderson told a questioner
that he hoped that the Soviet Am-
bassador would present his creden-
tials on December 20, and added
that there was nothing unusual in
the new Ambassador being in this
country a week or ten days before
presenting his credentials.

Melbourne, Yesterday.
In a statement to-day Mr. Scullin
said that neither Great Britain nor
Russia had approached the Common-
wealth Government on the subject
of Soviet representation in Aus-
tralia.—Reuter.

Government buildings and the Treas-
ury House.

Apparently the troops were or-
dered to fire over the heads of the
crowds, but the orders were mis-
construed, and a volley fired into
the midst of the mob.

The trouble is believed to be due
to low prices of produce, and the
prospect of further taxation.

How It Began

Later.
It is learned from the Colonial
Office that all measures necessary
to the security of those concerned
in the disturbances in Nigeria are
being taken.

Apparently there was a misunder-
standing with regard to the im-
position of a poll tax. A big de-
monstration of natives including
thousands of women, were assured
that such a tax would not be levied,
but did not accept the assurance
and refused to disperse. Then the
trouble began.—Reuter.

JAPANESE NAVAL
DELEGATESPARTY ON "SIBERIA MARU":
ADMIRAL WHO PERFORMED

CONJURING TRICKS

Tokyo, Dec. 8.
A report from the "Siberia
Maru," which is on her way to
America with the Japanese delegation
to the forthcoming five-Power Naval
Conference in London, states:—
"The ship has already passed south
of the Alaska Peninsula. Eleven
hundred miles are left to be covered
before we land in Seattle. Japan is
practically within our reach in wire-
less communication."

"To-night a suki-yaki party was
held in the dining-room, where forty
mats for a tatami were spread. The
foreign ladies aboard, including the
two daughters of Professor Shotwell,
who attended the recent Pacific Re-
lations Conference in Kyoto, appeared
in furisode kimonos, and eleven were
wearing the Katura. A social pro-
gramme followed, when Mme.
Takara, wife of the Japanese Min-
ister of the Navy, sang "Uta," Ad-
miral Abo did conjuring tricks
marvellously well; Mr. Yamakawa
Kawashaki sang folk songs; and Mr.
Wakatsuki, the former Premier, who
heads the Japanese delegation, made
a humorous speech."

"The ship is expected to reach
Seattle on Wednesday morning, where
she is to be met by Mr. Balentine,
formerly American Consul-General in
Tokyo, representing the State Depart-
ment, and by Mr. Sotomatsu Kato of
the Japanese Embassy in Washing-
ton."—Reuter.

Tokyo, Dec. 9.
A wireless from the "Siberia
Maru" says that Mr. Wakatsuki stated
to a Japanese news agency correspond-
ent: "I feel happy at approaching
America, which I visited 23 years ago
and where part of my important mis-
sion is to be fulfilled. I have en-
joyed the voyage immensely al-
though I suffered from seasickness
the first two days."

"It is a happy recollection that I
have had delightful hours with Pro-
fessor Shotwell, discussing world
peace and disarmament. I firmly
believe that the forthcoming Naval
Conference will be equally successful
as the Washington Conference. I
am looking forward to see America
and its people."

The correspondent wirelessly: "The
sea was flooded with bright sunshine
this morning and the weather was the
finest we ever had on the present
voyage. The colour of the sea looks
more cheerful than in the past several
days, when the ship was sailing south
of the Aleutian Islands. The ship
is now ploughing through an equa-
torial counter current."—Reuter.

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dicating "I go to port." There are,
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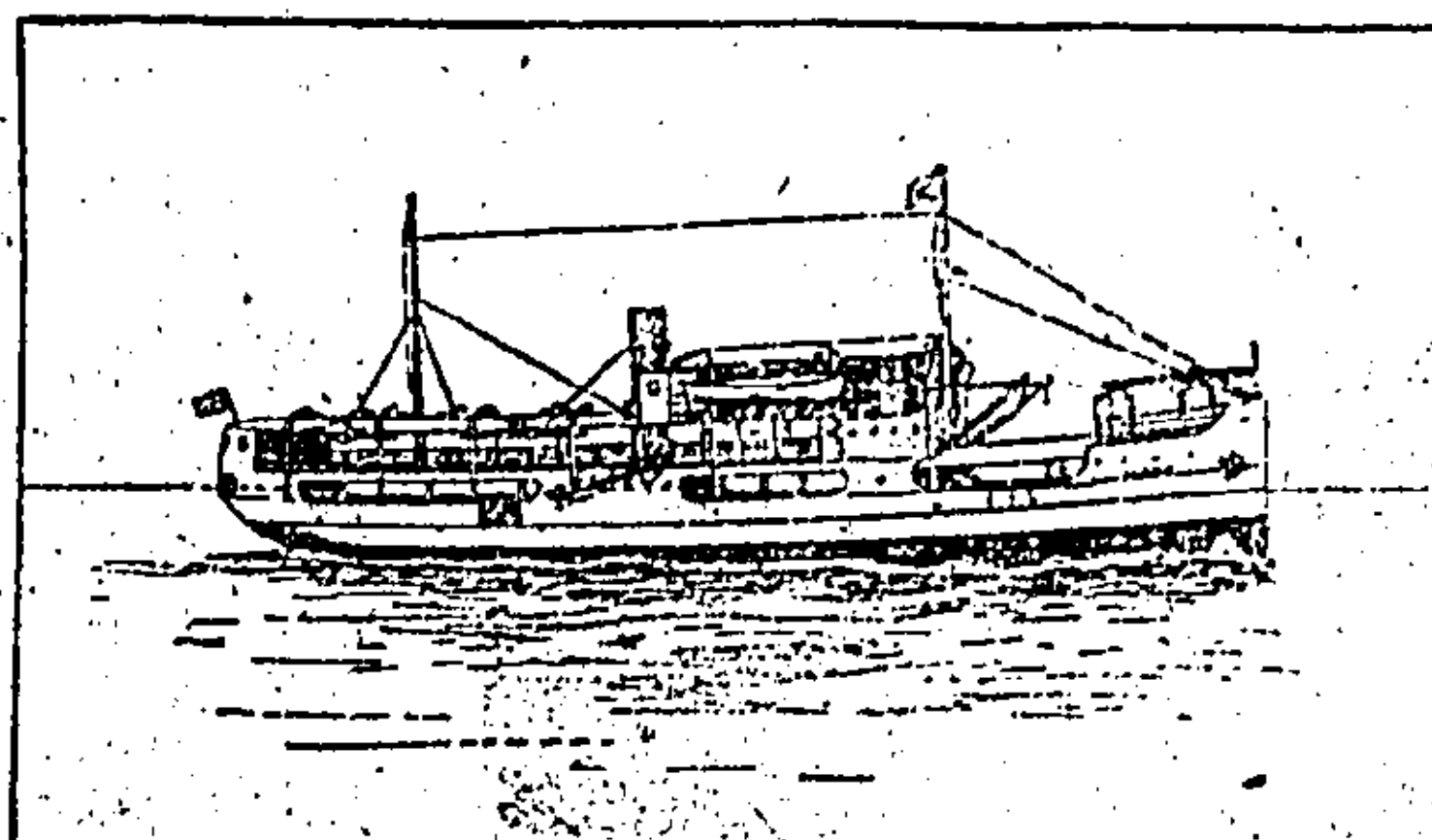
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form me which direction you will
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has been installed in the Batavier
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expected to arrive in London shortly
when an inspection of the signalling
apparatus will probably be made by
the Board of Trade and other ship-
ping authorities. The present experi-
ments were undertaken at the sug-
gestion of Mr. A. Vreugdenhil, who is
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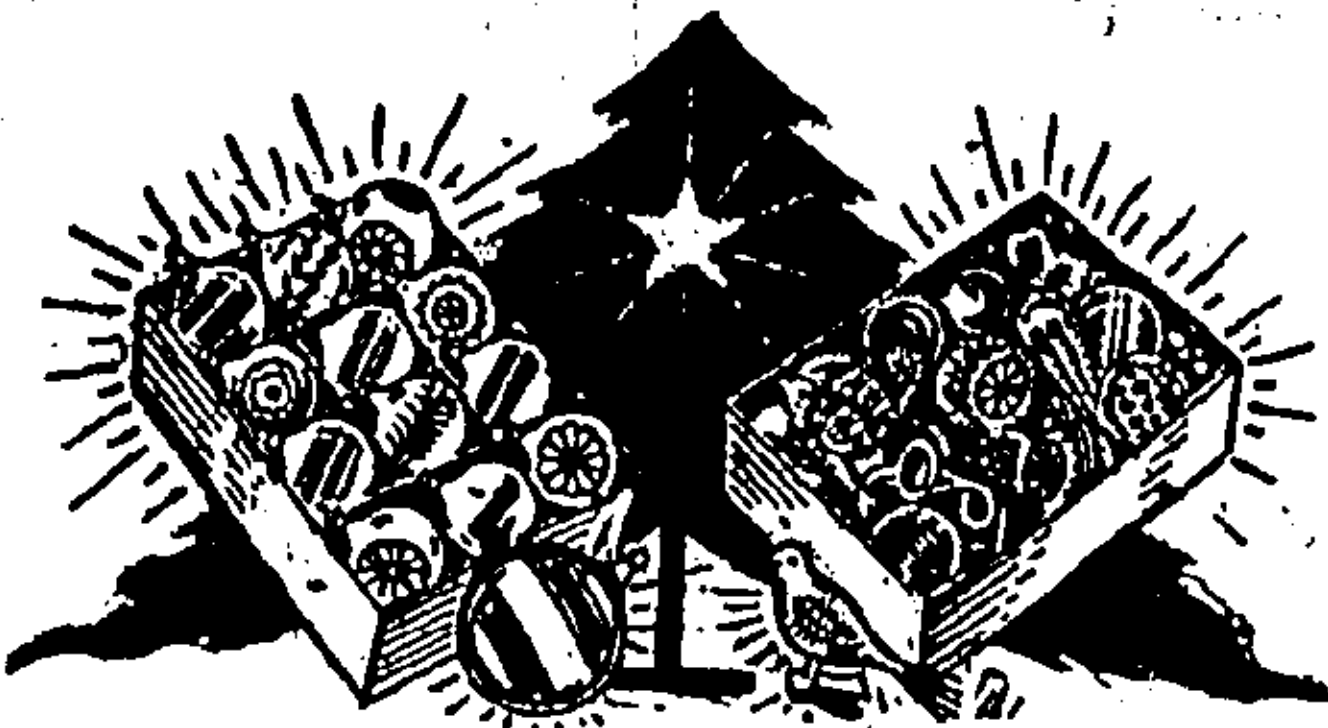
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TRADE WITH RUSSIA

It may be remembered by our
readers interested in commercial
questions that the Anglo-
Russian Committee this year
organised a delegation of 84
members, stated to represent
over 1,500 British firms with
capital resources exceeding
£700,000,000, to proceed to
Russia at the invitation of the
Russian Government, and ascer-
tain on the spot the prospects
and conditions of increased
Anglo-Russian trade. The De-
legation arrived in Moscow
at the end of March, and the
arrangements made for en-
abling its members to come into
contact with their opposite num-
bers in the various State depart-
ments were so efficient that, by
the end of the first week, most
of the delegates had completed
their departmental discussions
and were making their arrange-
ments either for visiting other
towns or for returning home.
Further discussions, however,
took place between representa-
tives of the delegates and of the
Government, extending, ap-
parently, over about another
fortnight. The report of the
Committee on the proceedings of
the Delegation has now been
published at Home. The opinion it
expresses is, in effect, that, on
certain conditions, there is a great
volume of Russian business avail-
able for Great Britain. No con-
clusion can be more welcome, if it
can be justified by the circum-
stances. The evidence contained
in the report appears to present
only a prima facie case; nothing
more could, perhaps, be expected
under existing conditions.

The Russian Government,
though it appears to have
remained under the domi-
nation of the same party as
came into power after the revolu-
tion, instituted a new economic
policy in 1921, under which the
right to possess private property
was revived, and, in a fashion,
private trade was again encour-
aged. The measures adopted for
this purpose proved insufficient
to provide the country with a
satisfactory industrial organiza-
tion, and, two years later, each of
its important industries was
formed into a trust, covering
either its entire operations or
those of groups of factories in in-
dividual districts.

With the exception of small
factories and of concessionaires,
all industrial production in Russia
comes under the control of these
trusts, which, though allowed a
certain independence in their
organisation and operations, have
their policy and finances con-
trolled effectively by a Supreme
Economic Committee. All for-
eign trade, moreover, both export
and import, with the possible ex-
ception of what is done by con-
cessionaires, is confined abso-
lutely to State trusts. The in-
dustrial trusts pay wages, in
some instances by piece work,
and are authorised and stated to
make profits. Out of these pro-
fits, however, a minimum pro-
fit goes half to the State, 10 per
cent. to some form of welfare
work, and the remaining 40 per
cent. to reserve for capital de-
velopment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

From Messrs. Siemens China
Company the "China Mail" has
received a useful diary and pocket
book for 1930.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" is
due from Singapore at 5 p.m. to-
morrow and will sail for Shanghai
at noon on Saturday.

Charged with the unlawful pos-
session of three female silk jackets,
a Chinese, stated to be unemployed,
was at the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning fined \$3, with the alterna-
tive of 12 days' hard labour.

Passengers due here on Saturday
by the s.s. "Hakusan Maru" in-
clude Mrs. de Bler and Miss E. M.
de Bler, Mr. H. L. Denny, Mr.
and Mrs. F. J. Eastbrook, and the
Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Rogers.

For the theft of a cotton jacket
from the first floor of 822, Beckton-
ton Street, a Chinese was at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning
sentenced to two months' hard la-
bour. It was stated that the de-
fendant was seen climbing down the
fire escape of the building with the
jacket.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning the occupiers of 167 and
249 Lai Chi Kok Road, and 106
Tai Nam Road, were fined \$8 each
for failing to renew their licences
for the sale of kerosene oil.

Sentence of two months' hard
labour was passed on a Chinese at
the Kowloon Magistracy this morn-
ing, on admitting that he stole a
zinc urn, the property of a trades-
man living at 900, Canton Road.

A Chinese was at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning fined \$2, or
four days' jail in default, for board-
ing the Yaumati Ferry launch "Man
Lai" from a sampan, thus avoiding
the fare. The Magistrate: He was
probably trying to save five cents!

The thirteenth annual athletic
sports of the Yaumati School will
be held at King's Park to-morrow
afternoon, commencing at 12.30
p.m. Mrs. G. P. de Martin has kin-
dly consented to present the prizes
at 4 p.m.

The occupiers of 62, Nathan Road,
3, Kent Road, 10, Somerset Road,
and 29, Nai Yu Tau, were fined \$5
each at the Kowloon Magistracy
this morning for keeping their dogs
without licences or failing to pro-
vide their dogs with muzzles.

For stealing a silver dollar at the
Yaumati Market, a Chinese with a
bad record was at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning, sentenced
to five months' hard labour. It was
stated that the defendant has had
12 strokes of the cane on three
previous occasions.

The masters of the Man Hai and
Sing Hai Eating Houses in Canton
Road were each fined \$25 at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning
for selling intoxicating liquor in
their premises, or allowing it to be
consumed, thus causing a breach of
condition of their licence.

CORRESPONDENCE

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]
Sir,—Could you get Canon
Streeter to answer the following
questions?
We get big men of various kinds
going round the world "talking",
and enquiring, but to my mind they very
rarely get to the point.
In "John O' London," a weekly
newspaper, an "Enquiring Layman"
asked the following questions, and
they are the very questions which
worry the minds of many people
who profess and call themselves
Christians or who sincerely wish to
do so.

1. "What place, for example, in
Modernist thought does the
supernatural in Christianity
hold?"
2. "Was Christianity a superna-
tural revelation?"
3. "Is Christianity essentially a
way of life?"
4. "Or, to be a Christian, is assent
to the orthodox doctrine of the
Incarnation and the Virgin
Birth, to the physical Resur-
rection as a historical fact,
to the divine institution of
Sacraments, to the Atonement,
a sine qua non?"
5. "Is Christianity indissolubly
bound up with certain unique
"historical" events that, as nar-
rated, are to be taken literally?"

I add a final question—
"What does Canon Streeter mean
by 'Christianity,' when he says that
Christianity is the only solution of
the difficulties, etc. in China?"

Yours faithfully,
ALPHA & OMEGA.
Hong Kong, December 19.

A MEAN ACT

Chinese Who Stole From Hard-Up Friend

"You did a very mean thing to
steal money from a friend who
was hard-up," remarked Mr. T. S.
Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning to a
Chinese, who was charged with
the fraudulent conversion of
\$158.42 to his own use.
According to the police, the de-
fendant went to live with the com-
plainant (who is a sister at the
Government Pumping Station at
Yaumati, and, as times, got
hard for both of them, the latter
offered to sell seven pigs to get
money to enable both of them to
live.
The defendant sold the pigs, and
then stayed away from his friend
till yesterday afternoon, when he
was met in Jordan Road and asked
for the money. He told the
complainant that he had spent it
all, and they both went to the
Police Station, where the culprit
was charged.

The accused was fined \$100 or
in default 2 months' jail.

Preaching in St. Paul's Cathedral,
the Archbishop of Canterbury said
that the main achievement of the
past ten years was that the League
of Nations was slowly but steadily
creating a power for peace more
sure than any pact and treaty.

ALLEGED FALSE LABELS

CASE AGAINST PRINTERS AND MANUFACTURERS

TORCHLIGHT CARBONS

At the Kowloon Magistracy to-
day before Mr. T. S. Whyte-
Smith four summonses filed by Mr.
Raymond Vincent Farrell, Far East
business representative of the Ever
Ready Torchlight Carbons, against
the Hui Chuen Printing Firm, 8,
Waterloo Road, Man King Printing
Firm, 49, Pitt Street, Tai Tung
Manufacturing Co., 857 Canton
Road, and the Wai Man Manufac-
turing Co., 140, Yue Chow Street,
were mentioned.

The summonses concerned the
false printing of blocks and the
false labelling of batteries and
flashlights, for the purpose of
trade.

Mr. D. H. Blake, of Wilkinson &
Grist, appeared for the complainant,
while Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared
for the second firm.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun., was for
the Tai Tung Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Blake informed his Worship
that the case against Mr. d'Almada's
client had been withdrawn on the
basis that they had destroyed all the
blocks and inks and had paid com-
pensation.

The same applied to the Tai Tung
Co., which was not legally repre-
sented.

Mr. Lo intimated that the with-
drawals might prejudice his case
but the Magistrate pointed out that
that would rather help.

The hearing was fixed for Monday
afternoon.

RENTS PROBLEM

At this afternoon's meeting
of the Legislative Council Sir
Henry Pollock asked:

In view of recent discus-
sions, will the Government
state whether its policy is:

- (a) To impose rent restric-
tion; or
- (b) To appoint a Fair Rents
Board; or
- (c) To increase the length of
notice to quit on a monthly
tenancy to a longer period
than one month; or
- (d) To leave the above mat-
ters to the action of economic
laws and to the terms of the
contracts entered into be-
tween the parties.

Answers:—
(a), (b) and (c). The answers
are in the negative.
(d). The answer is in the
affirmative.

BAG SNATCHING

Chinese Too Modest To Make Statement

The story of how a Chinese perform-
ed a public service by catching a
snatcher, and then, on account of his
modesty, declined to go to the station
with his captive, thus placing the
Police in an awkward position, was
told in Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham's
Court this morning, when a Chinese
boy was charged with the possession
of a knife which could be used for an
unlawful purpose.

The boy was arrested near the Cen-
tral Market for snatching a gold or-
nament from the cap of a Chinese baby
which was being carried on its mother's
back.

The Boy Seized
A Chinese pedestrian seized the boy,
retrieved the ornament and returned
it to the mother. Then he handed the
boy over to a policeman, remarking
that he could do the rest.

His Worship remarked that the boy
had been convicted three times in 3½
years.

Accused: I have changed my mode
of living since the last conviction.

Magistrate: You have plenty of op-
portunity to do that before.

Accused was ordered to receive 12
strokes of the cane and to undergo
one year's Police surveillance.

A PROMPT CAPTURE

Magistrate's Praise For Two Hawks

The action of two Chinese hawkers
who arrested a bag-snatcher in West
Point yesterday was commended by
Mr. E. W. Hamilton to-day. He said:
"I congratulate them on their very
prompt capture of the man. I hope
that all members of the public will
help us in this way."

The accused was sentenced to 12
months' hard labour and 24 strokes of
the birch for snatching a handbag
from a Chinese woman and assaulting
her when she attempted to resist him.

CITY GOES WEST

Shell-Mex Buy Hotel Cecil Site

London, Yesterday.
Another stage in the move of busi-
ness from the City to the West was
marked by the signature of a contract
to-day for the sale of the Hotel Cecil
site in the Strand to Shell-Mex Lim-
ited.—Reuter.

'GEISHA' AT THEATRE ROYAL

PRINCIPALS REPEAT THEIR SUCCESS

FOURTH NIGHT

The Philharmonic Society scored
another success with "The
Geisha" at the Theatre Royal yester-
day afternoon and also last
night. The audience which could
have been larger, was an appreci-
ative one and called for an en-
core more than once. The audience
was so persistent in the case of
Wun-hi that Reggie Greensmith
had to repeat his eccentric dance.

Margery Bowes Smith made a
very dainty O Mimosas San, the
chief Geisha, and sang prettily.
She was particularly good in "A
Geisha's Life" in Act I, and in
"The Jewel of Asia" in the Palm
Garden scene.

Lella Clarke also sustained her
part well as Molly Seamora (see
more or less as Wun-hi puts it).
Both her songs "Chun Kina" and
"The Toy Monkey" were enthu-
siastically received.

Wun-hi was, of course, the
humorist of the play. Mr. Green-
smith played his part with gusto
introducing some laughable gags
with a local flavour.

H. V. Parker was admirable in
the part of Reginald Fairfax,
while Archibald Brock was im-
pressive as the Marquis Imari, the
Chief Magistrate.

No report can be complete with-
out reference to the work of the
orchestra, which left nothing to
be desired. The Timpani, Drums,
etc., were in the able charge of
Drum-Major W. Dalrymple,
K.O.S.B., and effectively intro-
duced.

COMMONS DEBATE ON INDIA

SYMPATHETIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOODWILL

A PAINFUL CHAPTER

London, Yesterday.
The House of Commons debated the
political situation in India on a motion
of Mr. Finner Brockway, welcoming
the co-operation of the Indians on the
settlement of the constitutional ques-
tion, and relying on the Government
of India to encourage goodwill by sym-
pathetic administration.

The speakers dwelt on the improve-
ment in the outlook, and Labour mem-
bers urged the consideration of cases
of all political prisoners.

Capt. Wedgwood Benn said that re-
garding the prosecutions, there was a
new spirit abroad in India. We were
closing a painful chapter and, on the
general position, were all working to
one definite goal, we were moving to-
wards uniform goodwill in India. The
Viceroy considered the re-enactment of
the Public Safety Ordinance to be un-
necessary.

Capt. Benn maintained that in a
number of ways Dominion status al-
ready operated, and India was proceed-
ing rapidly toward it. The round
table conference would be fully repre-
sentative and open to all. It was not
intended as a sop to Indian opinion,
but to bring the light of Indian opin-
ion to bear upon and help us in the
solution of the difficulties. We were
entering upon a new era which might
be the greatest in the history of the
British Commonwealth. The motion
was adopted.—Reuter.

PALESTINE RIOTS

Shot Doctor In Serious Condition

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons to-day,
Dr. Drummond Shiels confirmed
the report that Dr. Berkowitz was
shot at and wounded on December
3 at Safed, in Palestine, and that
his condition was serious. He
added that ten minutes later at the
same place a Customs Officer was
shot at and wounded. The British
Government was satisfied that the
Palestine Government was cap-
able of maintaining order in that
country, but it was, of course, im-
possible to guarantee in Palestine
or elsewhere that isolated cases
might not occur of offences against
life and property.—British Wireless
Service.

TEN YEARS AGO

[From the "China Mail,"
December 19, 1919.]

To-day's dollar is worth 54-14d.

The Shipping strike at Hong Kong
is affecting Canton. Yesterday after-
noon, the s.s. "Hunan" was the only
evening steamer running to Hong
Kong from there, others having been
held up by the refusal of the European
officers to take the boats out. Accord-
ing to reports the ship owners meet to-
day to consider the position.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson has resigned the
Hon. Secretaryship of the Hong Kong
Cricket Club after many years of
valuable service, and his place is being
taken by Mr. D. S. Greenhill.



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VICTORIA SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

CAPITAL PLAY GIVEN BY TINY PUPILS

"SIMPLY MARVELLOUS"

Historic ability as displayed by grown-up people—no matter how good it is—can only invoke applause and praise. But to see a cast consisting of tiny tots ranging from four to seven years of age going through a long play without a hitch certainly wins one's admiration.

This splendid treat was accorded to these fond parents and their friends who visited the Victoria British School this morning, on the occasion of the annual prize distribution, before breaking up for the Christmas holidays. The opportunity was taken to present several tableaux and two capital plays by the little pupils. To say that the entire programme was a success would be doing the teachers and the performers insufficient justice. It was "simply marvellous," and as Mrs. J. Owen Hughes said, "Oh, we would never expect to see such an entrancing and splendid play performed by the little ones."

Pretty Tableaux

The programme opened with a tableau, "The Shadow," taken from the painting of the same name by E. Blair. Little Nelly Duckworth was depicted as the lady drawing the shadow of the knight—impersonated by D. Parsons. It was almost a replica of the painting itself.

The next tableau should have been "Daphne and Apollo" from the painting by Henrietta Rae, but "Daphne" (H. Salmon) unfortunately collapsed through excitement. Poor girl she must have missed all the fun.

The other tableau was "The Finding of the Bones in the Bulrushes." V. Hollidge took the part of the Princess, and the maidens were N. Duckworth and M. Sutcliffe.

"Never Seen the Like"

"The Little man in the Moon" was the title of the play; the cast being taken by pupils in the 8th Class. To describe it in details would be impossible, but suffice it to say that every performer played his or her role without "prompting," although the lines they have to recite were long. It was a capital play and the long applause given to it was well-merited.

After the prizes to the successful candidates had been presented, Mrs. J. Owen Hughes in a few well-chosen words, congratulated the staff and the pupils on the capital performance put up. She confessed that she had never seen "the like of it" before.

The party then broke up with the singing of "God Save the King." A pretty bouquet was presented to Mrs. Owen Hughes by a shy maiden who could not be more than 4 years of age. A group photograph was then taken by the "China Mail" camera man.

Headmistress's Report

The report as presented by the Headmistress, Mrs. E. M. Clark read:—

The attendance throughout the year has been good.

The Inspector of Schools and two Members of the Education Board visited the school on several occasions and expressed satisfaction with the work of the school.

Mr. Nightingale, Headmaster of Central British School visited the school on November 27.

Several medical inspections were made by Mrs. Minett, M.O.S., during the year. On one occasion Mrs. Minett gave an interesting Lecture on "Mosquitoes" and "Flies" when coloured "Health" slides were shown to the pupils.

Pupils Taken to the Cinema

Miss Jacques visited the school throughout the year to give instruction in drill, games and hygiene. Her remedial exercises have benefited those children who needed them. Classes 7 and 8 have enjoyed their games of basketball.

Pupils were taken to "The World Theatre" to see "The Birth of a Flower" and 23 children visited the "Queen's Theatre" by courtesy of the "Navy League" to view the film "Keep Watch".

In November a bazaar was held at the new "Soldiers' and Sailors' Home" when some of the pupils, trained by Miss Koralak, acted a play as an opening item.

There were several informal parties during the year—May Day and Halloween.

Changes in Staff

The 23rd Hong Kong Club Pack and the 6th Hong Kong Brownies Pack hold their meetings here on Mondays and Thursdays.

The staff at the beginning of the year consisted of Mrs. J. J. Pryde, Mrs. A. G. Jefford, Miss M. J. Stuart and myself. Mrs. Pryde left in April in order to proceed to Scotland. Miss Mr. A. Koralak joined the staff in May.

The work generally throughout the year has been satisfactory in all classes. One innovation made this year was the introduction of a Percussion Band.

The results of the Royal Drawing Society's Examination, Preparatory Division, were good. Seven pupils were presented for examination and all passed, six with honours.

I wish to thank my staff for their unflinching support in the work of the school. Throughout the year there has been harmonious co-operation between parents, pupils and teachers. It is due to this that the discipline and tone of the school is good.

The Prize Winners

Class 1.—Scholarship: Victoria Hollidge; 1st prize: Billy Dugg; 2nd prize: Betty Evans; 3rd prize: Miss Dugg; 4th prize: Miss Dugg; 5th prize: Miss Dugg; 6th prize: Miss Dugg; 7th prize: Miss Dugg; 8th prize: Miss Dugg; 9th prize: Miss Dugg; 10th prize: Miss Dugg; 11th prize: Miss Dugg; 12th prize: Miss Dugg; 13th prize: Miss Dugg; 14th prize: Miss Dugg; 15th prize: Miss Dugg; 16th prize: Miss Dugg; 17th prize: Miss Dugg; 18th prize: Miss Dugg; 19th prize: Miss Dugg; 20th prize: Miss Dugg; 21st prize: Miss Dugg; 22nd prize: Miss Dugg; 23rd prize: Miss Dugg; 24th prize: Miss Dugg; 25th prize: Miss Dugg; 26th prize: Miss Dugg; 27th prize: Miss Dugg; 28th prize: Miss Dugg; 29th prize: Miss Dugg; 30th prize: Miss Dugg; 31st prize: Miss Dugg; 32nd prize: Miss Dugg; 33rd prize: Miss Dugg; 34th prize: Miss Dugg; 35th prize: Miss Dugg; 36th prize: Miss Dugg; 37th prize: Miss Dugg; 38th prize: Miss Dugg; 39th prize: Miss Dugg; 40th prize: Miss Dugg; 41st prize: Miss Dugg; 42nd prize: Miss Dugg; 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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Boy Scouts Association was held yesterday in the Cathedral Hall. The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., who presided, made an eloquent appeal for funds so that the Association could acquire a suitable training camp for the movement.

Addressing the meeting, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall said, inter alia:—

"I very much regret that His Excellency the Governor, who is our local Chief Scout, is unable through pressure of public duties to come and preside at this meeting. That duty has consequently devolved upon me as President of the Association.

The acquisition of a property at Saiwan as a training camp for Boy Scouts is mentioned in some detail in the report. This property is situated on an ideal site, and its acquisition has met a long felt want, and will undoubtedly go far to raise the efficiency of the officers and Troops, and to knit them yet closer together. But this acquisition has also been a severe drain on our financial resources which have never been in a flourishing condition. I therefore make a strong appeal to all who take an interest in the movement and believe that it is doing good to society, to come to our aid. In the first instance I would appeal to all to come to our Grand Coming-of-Age Concert and Display which will be given in the Theatre Royal on Saturday next under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor. By doing this, not only will you assist in a deserving cause, but you will, I am sure, also derive pleasure from what I can promise you to be a good show well worth your money.

Opening Date

On Saturday, January 11, the training camp at Saiwan will be formally opened by Mrs. W. T. Southern, to whom we owe another debt of gratitude. To this function we hope to welcome a good and representative attendance of our sympathisers.

There is yet another way in which our friends could assist us in a more permanent form. I ask them to become members of the Association. The annual subscription is only \$10, and for this sum members receive a copy of the "Silver Wolf," the organ of the Association, which is a costly magazine to produce but is a useful record of the activities and interests of the Association. Ladies and gentlemen, I let my appeal go forth to the public without expatiating on the aims and merits of the movement, so well known are they to all. I feel that I need but make the appeal to meet with a hearty response.

Extracts from Report

Extracts from the annual report, which was very lengthy, are appended:

The outstanding event of the Scout year in Hong Kong was of course the opportunity given a contingent from our Association to be inspected by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, in company with similar representatives of the Girl Guides and the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

After a reference to the Prince of Wales' Banner Competition and the annual swimming sports, the report remarks that as regards the boys, themselves the most marked advance has been made in the Wolf Cub Section.

The Scout Troops have decreased in number, but this is due to the fact that three troops have amalgamated, forming one large one. One new Troop has come into being, and steps are being taken to get two more started, an All-Indian one and one at the Cheung Chau Government School.

Sea Scouts Flourishing

The Sea Scouts are flourishing, though there is still only one Group. This may be accounted for by the fact that it is infinitely more expensive to run Sea Scouts than ordinary Scouts and also that it is unwise to take liberties with the sea.

The Rover Scout Section is becoming increasingly vigorous under the leadership of Scouters able to devote their energies to that work. The numbers have not much increased, but there is more of the right Rover spirit about.

Girl Guides

During the past year co-operation with the Girl Guides has shown a distinct tendency to increase, and needless to say in Mrs. Southern we find every assistance to that end, ably supported as she is by her H.Q. Staff. This co-operation is keenly desired by the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide, and we are doing our best to follow their wishes.

As regards Scouting outside the Colony we were able to welcome parties of Japanese and Siamese Scouts passing through. Unfortunately, in China, Scouting still has a strong political bias which prevents fraternisation, but recently a party of Cantonese scouts went to Japan to study Scout Training, and we sincerely hope that they will come back imbued with the right spirit of scouting so that we can join hands with our scouting neighbours.

The Scout Shop flourishes in a small way, but is gradually extending its scope, and it is unusual to visit Headquarters without finding someone buying something.

On the proposition of Mr. A. S. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. T. H. King, the report was adopted.

The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. T. N. Chau. The statement was adopted on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow.

Arising out of the accounts, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin asked a question referring to the Working Account asking if a Treasury Grant of \$1,012 was from the Government. The Chairman replied it was a grant made to the Association by the Government on the basis of \$2 per head.

Commissioner's Address

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave then delivered an address. He said inter alia:—

You have been good enough to adopt our report and to pass our accounts for which I sincerely thank you. By this you have signified your approval of the progress of the Scout movement in this Colony and have thereby given the executive officers real encouragement. In past years it has been my misfortune to have to explain why our long hoped-for training camp had not materialised, but now I can hold up my head with a certain amount of confidence.

The importance of such a branch of our activities may be shown by the fact that the training schedule has had of late a further addition in the shape of a scheme for training in districts by District Officers as a preliminary to the more advanced course such as those which will be held at Saiwan.

You will, I hope, bear with me while I briefly recapitulate the system of training adopted. It consists of three parts, part one being a sort of correspondence course exam, part two, a period of intensive training by means of which practical demonstrations and lectures for a period of 12 consecutive days or the equivalent in week-ends, and part three a six-months' period of probation during which the effect of the practical training on the scoutmaster and his troop is observed.

Anyone passing all three is given the Wood Badge and becomes automatically a scout of the 1st Gilwell Park Troop which has members all the world over. Saiwan is for the holding of part two, and I can assure you that if we approach anywhere near the standard required by Gilwell we shall be doing well. The value of the practical course lies in the fact that by the methods adopted old age recovers its youth and learns again to see through the eyes of boyhood, an essential quality in those who aim at the successful training of the young.

A Connecting Link

The acquisition of Saiwan has, however, another effect on this Association. Previously, I, for one, was strongly of the opinion that it would be a pity to split up the Colony into separate District Associations, but with Saiwan as the connecting link we can take a step from which we have hitherto shrunk, and in order to further our policy of decentralisation so as to free the Colony's Scout Headquarters Staff from much petty detail work, for special attention to the bigger parts of Scouting, the executive committee, the scheme of the district training also in view, have decided to recommend to the Council the formation of two districts in the Colony, Hong Kong as the Southern District and Kowloon as the Northern District. This will take place as soon as the necessary officers can be found.

Far from neutral and inconsequential, the committee will remain at the forefront of the movement.

Mr. Wang Ken-chung, the new Vice-Minister of Education, has formally assumed his duties.

BATTLE OF MASONS & BRICKLAYERS

BRICKS AND WOOD THROWN IN AN ARTISAN WRANGLE

ALL BOUND OVER

A fight between masons and bricklayers at a house under construction in Cheung Sha Wan yesterday resulted in five Chuchowese (bricklayers) and one Cantonese (mason) appearing before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with behaving in a disorderly manner.

All the defendants, but one, had their heads bandaged. According to the second defendant, who was spokesman to-day, the fight was over a quarrel concerning the taking of wood from a pile. He did not want the first man to take the wood from under the pile but the latter insisted and a fight ensued. The rest of the defendants joined in as peace makers!

His Worship: If they were all peacemakers, how did they all get their heads broken?

But the story given by the first defendant was that of a different nature.

Inspector Hoare then gave his version. He said that the fight was the result of jealousy over the removal of wood cuttings.

The masons, who were on the first floor of the house, had the upper hand of the bricklayers, who had bricks and pieces of wood thrown at them. Some of the masons escaped.

Inspector Hoare pointed out that six weeks ago a similar fight occurred at the same place when they were warned.

The Magistrate bound them all over to keep the peace.

fore but will be the chief link constitutionally between the District Associations, and it is suggested that in order to avoid overflapping in the way of raising finance, the Colony Council should keep this under its wing, making grants to such districts as required. There will be no need for headquarters in Kowloon, and the sole expenses in the ordinary course will be the district secretary's for stationery, postage and so forth, while there will be less expense for the Scoutmasters and Scouts in having to cross the harbour for examinations, Scoutmasters' meetings and similar functions, while each district will be represented on the Council. Our present headquarters and shop will remain the scout business centre for the Colony.

With such benefits arising from the acquisition of Saiwan, and with such advances possible, we have no hesitation in making a strong appeal for funds for Saiwan. I may say I hope that all bona fide scouts, Chinese, Japanese and foreign will be able to benefit from Saiwan and also I should like to point out that there is, in scouting, no class, racial or religious discrimination.

We aim at \$50,000 in order to equip the place thoroughly and to endow it, and at least \$20,000 is needed as soon as possible to pay off the mortgage and to deal with immediate necessities. We have already had a generous gift of \$1,000 and another of £10 from Japanese scouts passing through, and only this afternoon a gift of \$10 from a parent whose son at Home in England is nobly practising his scout ideals under very difficult circumstances.

Officers Elected

But I am really charged now with the pleasant task of proposing the following names for respective offices:

President: Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D.; Vice-President: Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E.; Members of Council: Lt. Col. G. Bird, D.S.O., Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, Mr. B. Wylie, Messrs. Champlin, T. N. Chau, C. G. H. Christian, R. M. Dyer, A. S. Mitchell, Ng Sze-kwong, E. Ralph, W. H. Smith, P. Talati, Wong Kwong-tin, Hon. W. E. L. Shenton, A. Owen, Hon. A. J. Atwell, C. E. H. Beavis, Hon. J. P. Brail, C. E. H. Kwok Siu-lau, Dr. Chai, Sir Shouson Chow, Sir H. E. Follick, Sir H. C. Gollan, K.C., Commodore R. A. S. Hill, R.N., Mr. W. W. Hornell, Sir J. Kemp, K.C., Mr. T. H. King, Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southern, Hon. Dr. S. W. T. Bishop, Valentin, Bishop of Victoria, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, and representatives of the Tung Wah Hospital, South China Athletic Association and the Chinese A.A. Association.

The Chief Scout of Hong Kong: H.E. the Governor; Commissioner and Deputy Camp Chief: the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave; Assistant Commissioner: Messrs. C. Champlin and C. G. Christian; District Cubmaster: Mr. H. Smith; Hon. Treasurers: Mr. T. N. Chau and D. Black; Hon. Secretaries: Mr. A. S. Mitchell; Area and Badge Secretaries: Mr. T. G. Chong.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 19th December, 1929.

Stock.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Non	Dividend.
Banks.					
Hong Kong Bank	...	...	...	1915	£9 Int. 1929
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	123	7 Int. 1929
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	...	...	...	301	20 Int. 1929
Do. C.	...	...	...	161	9 Int. 1929
Bank of Asia	...	...	...	85	8 Int. 1928
Insurance.					
Canton Ins.	...	...	...	605	\$10 Final 1927 Int. 1928
Union Ins.	...	...	...	358	29 Final 1927 Int. 1928
Yangtze Ins.	...	...	...	108	50 M. \$3.50 1928
China Fire Ins.	...	...	...	310	Final 1927 Int. 1928
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	...	815	49 Int. 1928
Shipping.					
Douglases	...	...	...	251	4 Int. 1924
H. K. Steamship	...	...	...	271	12 Int. 1924
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	...	40	12 Int. 1924
(Def.)	...	...	...	70	12 Int. 1924
Shell Transport	...	...	...	95	5 Int. 1928
Union Waterboats	...	...	...	22	1.50 Int. 1928
Mining.					
Benguet	...	...	...	470	0.25 Int. 1929
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	...	35	9 Int. 1928-29
Langkat (Com.)	...	...	...	15.60	74 Int. 1928-29
(Single)	...	...	...	71	74 Int. 1928-29
S'hai Exploration	...	...	...	1.30	5 Int. 1929
Loans	...	...	...	5	74 Int. 1929
Rauks	...	...	...	11.20	Int. 1/8 1929-30
Tromps Mines	...	...	...	21	4 Int. 1928
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.					
H. K. & S. Wharves	...	...	...	149	8 Int. 1929
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	...	321	4 Int. 1924
China Provident	...	...	...	5.40	1.20 Int. 1924
Hongkew	...	...	...	190	13 Int. 1929
N. Engineering	...	...	...	71	0.40 Int. 1928
Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	100	7 Int. 1928-29
Cotton Mills.					
Evo Cottons	...	...	...	14.40	74 Int. 1929
S'hai Cottons (old)	...	...	...	74	74 Int. 1929
(new)	...	...	...	47	74 Int. 1929
Zoong Sings	...	...	...	9.10	74 Int. 1928-29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.					
H. K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	11.40	1.30 Int. 1924
H. K. Lands	...	...	...	68	2 Int. 1929
Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	64	101 Int. 1929
Humphreys	...	...	...	141	1 Int. 1928
H. K. Realities	...	...	...	141	7.50 Int. 1929
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	36	4 Int. 1928-29
Public Utilities.					
H. K. Tramways	...	...	...	18.35	0.50 Int. 1929
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	...	111	1.50 Int. 1929
(new)	...	...	...	5.05	0.50 Int. 1929
Star Ferry	...	...	...	99	3.50 Int. 1928
Ch. Light (old)	...	...	...	17.40	0.55 Int. 1928
(new)	...	...	...	17.10	0.55 Int. 1928
H. K. Electric	...	...	...	64	2.50 Int. 1928
Macao	...	...	...	23	...
Sundakan Lights	...	...	...	21	...
H. K. Telephone	...	...	...	186	0.10 Int. 1929
China Buses	...	...	...	154	10.60 Int. 1928
S'port Tractions (Ord.)	...	...	...	10	1 Int. 1928
(Pref.)	...	...	...	10	...
Industrial.					
China Sugars	...	...	...	90	In liquidation P. 3 1928
Malabon Sugars	...	...	...	27	...
Cald. Mag. Ord.	...	...	...	11	...
Cald. Pref.	...	...	...	10	...
Canton Ice	...	...	...	91	...
Cement (comh.)	...	...	...	13.85	...
(old)	...	...	...	101	0.80 Int. 1925
(new)	...	...	...	3.30	0.10 Int. 1925
H. K. Rope	...	...	...	71	1.35 Int. 1924
United Asbestos	...	...	...	5	...
Stores, &c.					
Dairy Farms	...	...	...	301	1.25 Int. 1928
Watsons	...	...	...	12	0.80 Int. 1927-28
Der A. Wings	...	...	...	30	...
Lane Crawford	...	...	...	1.35	0.80 Int. 1925-29
Machinists	...	...	...	18	2 Int. 1928-29
Sincere	...	...	...	10	1 Int. 1928
Wm. Powells	...	...	...	34	0.85 Int. 1928-29
Miscellaneous.					
H. K. Amusement Prof.	...	...	...	381	2.50 Int. 1928-29
Do. Deferred	...	...	...	...	1.50 Int. 1928-29
H. K. Constructions	...	...	...	1.30	...
B. Ind. C. Bonds	...	...	...	60%	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	44%	...

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/7 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/7 15/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	...
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/8 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/8 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	1/9
On Paris—	
On demand	102 7/8
Credits, 4 months' sight	110 3/4
On Berlin—	
On demand	...
On New York—	
On demand	40%
Credits, 60 days' sight	42%
On Bombay—	
Wire	111
On demand	111
On Calcutta—	
Wire	111
On demand	111
On Singapore—	
On demand	71%
On Manila—	
On demand	81
On Shanghai—	
On demand	75%
30 day's sight (private paper)	...
On Yokohama—	
On demand	82%
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per toel)	...
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	
Silver (per oz.)	22 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	85 prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal

Copper Cents 3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 22 1/4% dia.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin 1/4% prem.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.925
New York	4.88%
Brussels	34.365
Geneva	25.10
Amsterdam	12.095
Millan	93.26

Sport Columns

RIFLE SHOOTING IN COLONY

RESUSCITATION OF THE LEAGUE

PRELIMINARY MEETING

In view of the widespread disappointment felt that Hong Kong did not this year compete in the Interport Rifle Shoot, Mr. C. H. Summers, the late Secretary of the Hong Kong Rifle League, and others approached Mr. B. Wyllie with a view to calling a meeting of those previously connected with the League at which the question of resuscitating the League and making arrangements for future interport events could be discussed.

A meeting was held last night in the Board Room of the Morning Post Building, at which there were present: Mr. T. Swan, Mr. D. Walmsley and Mr. C. H. Summers, all of the Taikoo Rifle Club; Mr. F. Young and Mr. F. Lahey, of the Naval Dockyard Rifle Club; Sergeant A. W. Ritchie, representing the Hong Kong Police; Mr. F. C. Goodman, representing the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps; and Mr. B. Wyllie, who was asked to preside.

Mr. Summers made an explanatory statement concerning the affairs of the old League, and produced a balance sheet, dated April, 1928, showing cash in hand amounting to \$41.08. The sum of \$24 was also due to the League from one of the competing teams in a rifle meeting held in March, 1928, making a total credit of \$65.08. Against this was an outstanding account of £12 12s. in respect of miniature interport shields supplied from Home.

Revival Agreed To

It was proposed by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Swan that the Hong Kong Rifle League be revived under the old conditions. This was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Lahey and seconded by Sergeant Ritchie that a general meeting be called in the New Year for the purpose of electing officers and committee. This was unanimously agreed to, it being also decided to approach the Volunteer Defence Corps to loan a room at Headquarters for this purpose.

A general discussion took place concerning the financial aspect of the proposed League and suggestions were formulated which will be submitted to the general meeting for approval.

Site For Range

The question of a suitable site of a new rifle range on the Kowloon side which could be used by the League teams and by the Volunteer Defence Corps was also discussed. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the incoming committee.

The hope was expressed that the proposed meeting would be well attended by all those interested in rifle shooting in order that Hong Kong can once again participate in the interport shoots and that interest in shooting generally be revived in the Colony.

ENGLISH CUP

Results of Replayed Ties

Two of the undecided ties in the second round proper of the Football Association Cup were played yesterday. In both cases, the Club that had drawn while playing away last Saturday succeeded convincingly at the second time of asking. Results as cable by Reuter were:—

Bournemouth 5 Carnarvon 2

Plymouth 3 Watford 0

In the third round on January 11, when the topmost clubs take part for the first time, Bournemouth will visit Fulham, and Plymouth will entertain Hull.

SERVICE FOOTBALL

Annual Match Between Army And Navy

The annual football match between the Army and Navy will be played this afternoon at Sookumpoo, the kick-off being timed for 4 p.m.

It is understood that H. E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., has kindly consented to set the ball rolling. The proceeds from the gate receipts will be devoted to Naval and Military charities.

The massed bands of H.M.S. "Kent," "Berwick" and "Hermes" will play selections from 3.30 p.m.

The Teams

The teams will line up as under: Royal Navy.—Jarvis; McGregor and Jones; Pugsley, Tilly and Sturdivant; Van Tromp, Firth, Cann, Stephenson and Dickenson. Army.—Fletcher; Oliver and Reeves; Everest, West and Joyce; Rayson, Stock, Gill, Bewley-Bull and Butcher. Mr. W. E. Hollands, referee.

Yesterday's "No Match"

Yesterday, two junior League games were down on the fixture card. At Sookumpoo, the Gunners Reserves turned out, also R.P.O. Rodwell the referee, but St. Joseph's failed to appear. At Kowloon, the Club de Recreo could not field a team and their game with the Somersets had to be called off.

Charity Cup

The following have been selected to represent England against Scotland on Boxing Day in the "Sunday Herald" Cup competition, kick-off on H.K.F.C. ground at 3.30 p.m. Jarvis; Wynne and Jones; Hedley, West and Bliss; Van Tromp, Firth, Goldman (Capt.), Bewley-Bull and Dickenson. Reserves.—Reeves, Everest, Knapp, Rayson and Butcher.

CRICKET MATCH

'Varsity 2nd XI v. The K.C.C.

The following are selected to play for University 2nd XI in a friendly match against the K.C.C. on Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp at Pokfulam:—

A. A. Aziz (Captain), A. Chan, Fook, K. T. Loke, A. B. Sullivan, G. E. Yeoh, H. E. M. Adams, C. Candah, P. L. Tan, Walter Hunt, S. Otani and R. Leong.

H.K.C.C. Match

Members of H.K.C.C. will meet in a match on the Club ground next Saturday, the teams being as follows:—

Over 30.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), W. W. Mackenzie, E. J. R. Mitchell, G. F. Sillitoe, E. R. Duckitt, R. K. Hepburn, R. C. Strachey, A. Reid, S. J. Jordain, H. R. Remington, J. R. Collis.

Under 30.—A. C. L. Bowker (Capt.), J. R. Hinton, A. C. Beck, G. P. Lampert, G. E. R. Divett, H. V. Parker, H. J. Armstrong, O. Moor, O. E. C. Marton, W. Hanis Walker, J. H. Ashworth.

HOCKEY MATCH

Club de Recreo v. Hong Kong "A"

The following will represent Club de Recreo in a Hockey Match against the Hong Kong Club "A" team at King's Park on Friday Dec. 20, at 5 p.m. sharp.

C. Barros; E. B. Souza, H. J. Noronha, F. V. Ribeiro, F. M. Silva, F. Barros; F. J. Remedios, A. M. Xavier, J. de Figueiredo, H. A. Noronha, and J. A. de V. Soares.

JACK HOOD'S PLUCKY FIGHT

WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION MEETS LEN HARVEY

CLEVER DEFENCE

London, Yesterday. In the British Middleweight Championship, Hood and Harvey drew in a fifteen rounds' contest. The Fight Described

Later. The plucky welter-weight champion, Jack Hood of Birmingham, conceded half stone to the middleweight champion, Len Harvey. The decision was inclined to be generous to Hood against the strong, hard punching of his opponent, who had a distinct advantage in reach and height. Hood aroused enthusiasm at crowded Olympia. His clever defence parried many of the blows of Harvey, who was reduced to scoring halfarm body punches in clinches. Hood's left eye was cut in the first round and his right eye in the sixth, but he finished the fitter man.—Reuter.

Naval & Military Men Meet

H.M.S. "Hermes" and the Somerset Light Infantry drew in a boxing match at Hankow Barracks, Shanghai, last night. Ten contests were fought in an open-air ring, which was rendered slippery at first by rain, and each side won five. Only one knock-out was scored, this being in the nature of a surprise. Results:—

Featherweight: Pte. Pearce (Somersets) beat Stoker Holland; A.B. Rawlings ("Hermes") beat Pte. Paddock.

Lightweight: Cpl. Sherston (Somersets) beat C.S. Scott; L/Cpl. Adams (Somersets) beat Telegraphist Sears. Welterweight: A.B. Trimmings ("Hermes") beat L/Cpl. Woodhouse; Pte. Jones (Somersets) beat A.B. Turner; Pte. Summerfield (Somersets) beat A.B. Newstead.

Middleweight: Marine Woolford ("Hermes") beat Pte. Baulch. Heavyweight: Marine Smith ("Hermes") knocked out Pte. Morris in the first round; A.B. Swan ("Hermes") beat L/Sgt. Gaine.

Each bout was, of course, of three rounds, under Service rules. The prizes were presented by Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chairman of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

Lt.-Col. C. H. Little, officer commanding the 1st Bn. Somerset L.I., congratulated the contestants on their clean boxing and expressed a wish that teams from other ships in the China Station may meet his battalion.

The officials were as follows:—Referee: Lt. Curtis, R.A.S.C.; Judges: Lt. Burton, R.A., Lt. Alexander, R.A., Lt. Kelly, K.O.S.B., Flight - Lt. Colquhoun, R.A.F., Timekeeper: R. S. M. Hare, S.L.I., Master of Ceremonies: C.S.M. Leigh, S.L.I.

SUZANNE'S NEW JOB

Tennis Star Says Women Ought To Work

Paris, Yesterday. Suzanne Lenglen, in an interview with the newspaper "Paris Midi," says that definitely she has abandoned match play to manage a gown-shop, and says "dressmaking is the only career that seems to be possible for the modern woman. Nowadays every woman ought to work. For the moment I have not the time to think about lawn tennis. Perhaps later I shall."—Reuter.

Mr. A. Henderson, in the House of Commons, refused to postpone negotiations with the Soviet Government until he got an assurance that the guarantees against propaganda would be made applicable to the Dominions. By 248 votes to 187 the House closed the debate on a Unionist amendment to the Pensions Bill that the pensions to the widows of men who died before Jan. 4, 1926, should be given to necessitous widows only. The amendment was then negatived by a majority of 115. Mr. Buxton stated that the retail traders' boycott of meat bearing the national mark appeared to be falling.

LEVANTE—THE MIRACLE MAN

"THE MAGIC HAND DECEIVES THE EYE"

MYSTIC ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Les. Levante, world-famed illusionist, and Miss Gladys Cole (Mrs. Levante) began their season of mystic entertainment at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, yesterday.

Levante opened his programme with a sleight-of-hand trick, "Thimble Manipulation," which he did exceedingly well. The card trick, "Obedient Cards," met with applause.

The next item, he put his wife in a Japanese box, and pierced about 12 good, strong, steel swords through it. But to the relief of all, when the swords were taken out and the box opened, his wife was quite smiling and safe!

"The Elusive Egg" trick, the miracle man kindly taught the audience how to do, but it takes time to learn the knack of slipping an egg to the palm of one's hand—it took Levante five years!

Miss Gladys Cole, on her L'Oreana accordian, played delightfully, and rendered Humoresque Dvorak very well. This was followed by "The Breakaway," "Walking with Susie" and "Big City Blues" (Fox Movietone Folies of 1929 numbers). She was met with prolonged applause.

The next act was entitled "Where did the ducks go?" Yes, where did they go? They were seen in the cage on the stage all night but within a few seconds they were put into a wooden box. The four sides were pulled open, but—the ducks had gone! Later, their "quacks" would be heard—this time from behind the stage!

The closing act was a brilliant one. Levante put his wife (tied up in a sack) in an iron box, which was bound with a rope and padlocked. But, when "one, two, three" was counted the lady was out, and Levante was in the box—tied up in the same way as the lady was!

Altogether, the performance was very good, and those who have not seen the "miracle" man should not miss the opportunity.

An Interview in the dressing room of the theatre house last night, a "China Mail" representative was given the opportunity of being acquainted with Mr. Les Levante and his wife.

Both appeared very jolly and ready to be bombarded with questions. "How do you feel for your dive tomorrow," Levante was asked. "Nothing worries me," he replied. "If I can recollect, I think this will be my 504th time. The only thing is the current."

Mr. Levante went on to relate his experiences with diving whilst manacled. In New Zealand, on a Christmas day, he dived, but got knocked up against the pier, being cut badly about the shoulders.

Another time he dived from the pier at New Brighton, but got caught by a beam, and experienced an anxious few minutes.

Never a Clap Speaking of audiences, Mr. Levante said that he had the warmest reception yesterday. At Auckland, in Queensland, he gave a full two hours' show to a crowd of 1,300 Chinese, and never got as much as a clap!

Mr. Levante laughed when a Majestic theatre representative explained to him that the Chinese, if a show is good, rarely clap, but just join in one cry of "Ho."

"I cannot recollect, but I think I heard them say 'Ho,'" remarked Mr. Levante.

"The 'miracle' man added that his tour of the Orient has covered Borneo, the Philippines and Hong Kong.

Lightning strikes were declared by 2,000 L.G.O.C. drivers and conductors, who complain of the employment of men in a rival union. Members of the Transport and General Workers' Union have been ordered to resume work pending a decision by the Executive.

A fragment of a jar advertising a Roman London tradesman's "saffron saive for roughness," has been unearthed at Moorgate.

HAGUE CONFERENCE

Bulgarian Relations To Be Discussed

Rugby, Yesterday. The Bulgarian Foreign Minister and the Finance Minister, Messieurs Bouroff and Moloff, who have come to London after visiting Rome and Paris to discuss the final settlement of Bulgarian relations, were to-day received by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, and will see the Prime Minister on Friday.

In to-day's interviews, the Bulgarian Ministers expressed a desire that agreement should be reached in principle regarding Bulgaria's repatriation liabilities before the forthcoming reassembly of the Hague Conference. They were assured that the British Government shared this desire and were anxious that a settlement just to Bulgaria and acceptable to all the other Powers concerned should be reached.

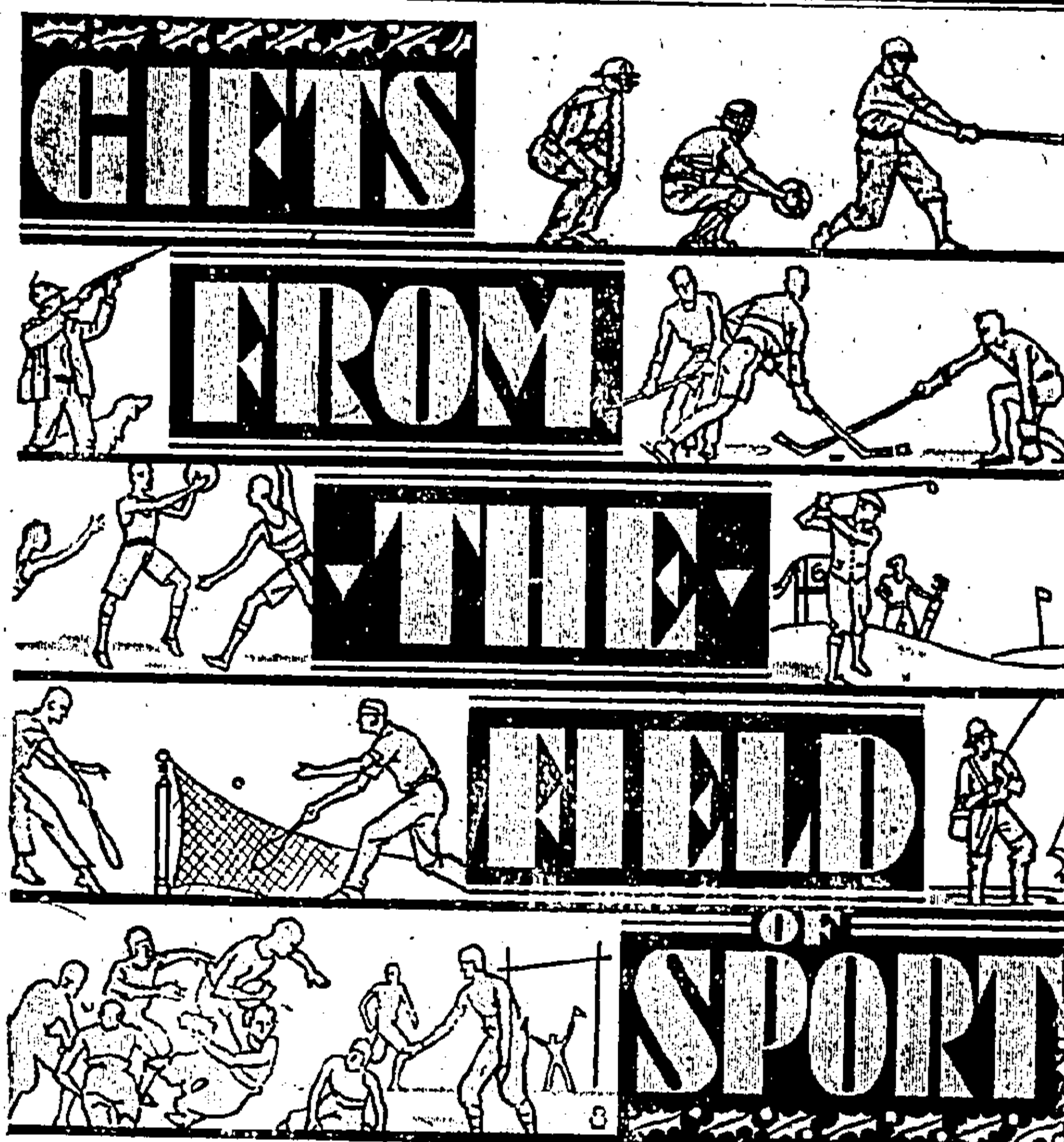
It has been agreed that before the Hague Conference reassembles on January 6 there shall be a meeting on January 3 of jurists representing the Powers engaged in the Conference.—British Wireless Service.

Profits on the Carlisle scheme of State management of the liquor trade fell during the year ended March 31 by £9,236 to £58,146.



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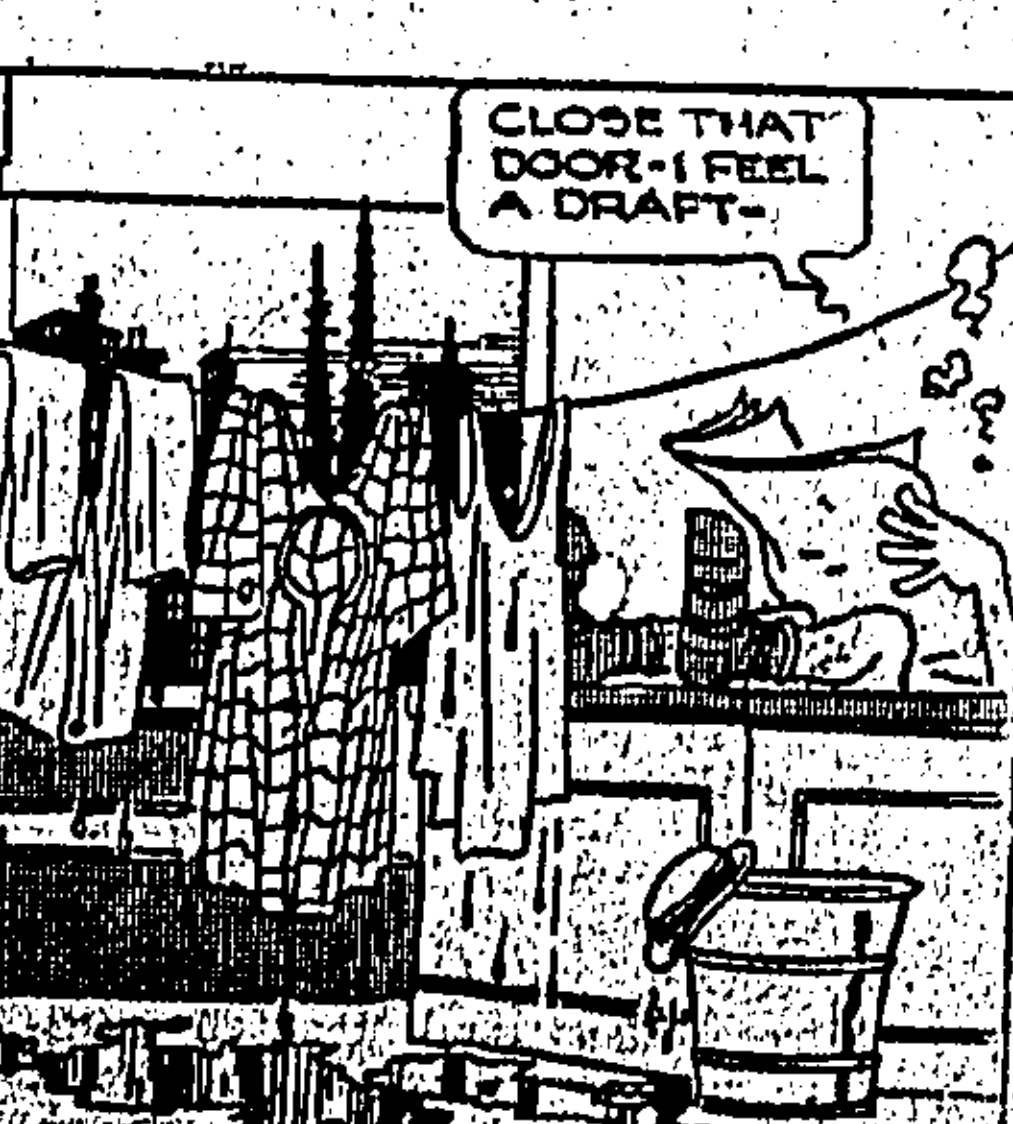
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OFFICIAL EXPLANATIONS

At to-day's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the following supplemental votes on the 1929 Estimates will be considered:

Miscellaneous Services:—Rent Allowances—Senior Officers, \$17,000.
Provision made in Estimates, \$95,000.

The increasing number of married officers in the service and the insufficient number of quarters available have caused a heavier demand on this vote than was anticipated. A further sum of \$17,000 is considered necessary to complete the current year. The allowances are paid in accordance with the regulations laid down in the General Orders of the Government.

Expenditure to October 31 amounted to \$91,215 and it is estimated that approximately \$9,400 will be required for November and \$11,300 for December making the total expenditure for the year approximately \$112,000.

\$15,000 has been provided for by Special Warrant No. 245.

Miscellaneous Services:—Exchange Compensation Allowance, \$78,000.

Provision made in Estimates, \$350,000.

The vote for the year was estimated at the exchange rate of 2/4. For the purposes of exchange compensation the rate fell to 1/11½ in March and April, 1/11½ in May, 1/11 in June, 1/11½ in July, August and September, 1/10½ in October and 1/8½ in November. By October 31 expenditure had reached \$334,034, leaving a balance of \$15,966.

Owing to the recent further fall in exchange the amount required under the sliding scale authorised in General Orders is considerably more than this balance. A further sum of \$78,000 is necessary to meet allowances payable to the end of the year at an estimated exchange of less than 1s. 10d.

\$72,000 has been provided for by Special Warrant No. 245.

Miscellaneous Services:—Rent Allowances—Asiatic Subordinate Officers, \$12,000.

Provision made in Estimates, \$76,000.

Asiatic Subordinate Officers are entitled to rent tenements and receive rent allowances under the conditions of General Order 110A. Owing to the growing tendency to take full advantage of these privileges, and to the increased number of officers qualifying by length of service for these allowances, the expenditure on this sub-head has increased. In every case the allowance granted is within the limits prescribed.

The expenditure to end of October was \$71,547 and the amount required for November and December will be approximately \$16,000.

A further sum of \$12,000 is required.

The above has been provided for by Special Warrant No. 245.

Miscellaneous Services:—Rent Allowances—European Subordinate Officers, \$6,000.

Provision made in Estimates, \$40,000.

New appointments have been made this year for which provision had not been made in the Rent Allowance vote, and the insufficiency of Government quarters has caused more married officers to draw rent allowance.

Expenditure to end of October is \$37,653. The figures for September and October are \$4,284 and \$4,014 respectively and taking these as a guide for November and December expenditure the total for the year will be approximately \$45,983.

The Estimates provide only \$40,000 which is approximately \$5,000 below requirements.

A further sum of \$6,000 is required to meet requirements to the end of the year.

The above has been provided for by Special Warrant No. 245.

Miscellaneous Services:—Language Study Allowances, \$4,000.

Provision made in Estimates, \$24,000.

The increase in the number of officers in the service who have undertaken to study Chinese has caused greater demands on this vote than were anticipated. The expenditure has gradually increased from \$2,080 in January to \$2,550 in October. In the Police Department alone the number of officers studying has increased from 67 to 81. It is estimated that a further vote for \$4,000 will be required to meet expenditure for the current year.

The above has been provided for by Special Warrant No. 245.

Miscellaneous Services:—Crown Agents' Commission, \$6,900.

Provision made in Estimates, \$10,000.

Owing to increased sterling transactions and the fall in exchange the charges for Crown Agents' Commission are considerably more than the estimates and

a vote will be required for \$6,900 in order to meet expenditure to the end of the current year.

Expenditure under this sub-head for the first eight months of this year shows an increase over the corresponding period of 1928 of \$209, of which more than half represents the increased commission earned by Crown Agents in collecting larger amounts of interest and dividends which have accrued on the Colony's increased sterling investments in London. The remainder is due to commission on heavier purchases of stores, etc. and equipment.

The fall in exchange will also cause an independent automatic increase.

Miscellaneous Services:—36, Ordinances, Regulations and Reports, \$700.

Provision made in Estimates, \$5,000.

A sum of \$5,000 is provided in the Estimates for the printing of Ordinances, Regulations and Reports.

Of this sum \$4,240 had been expended by 31st October and it is estimated that further charges for printing during November and December will amount to approximately \$1,400.

The volume of publications required under this sub-head has been in excess of the amount estimated and a further vote for \$700 is requested to meet expenditure to the end of the year.

Miscellaneous Services:—Purchase and Upkeep of Typewriters and Calculating Machines, \$600.

Provision made in Estimates, \$9,000.

This vote was called upon to bear the cost of a Duplicator (\$630) urgently required for the Colonial Secretary's Office and in consequence will not suffice for normal requirements.

A supplementary vote of \$600 is requested.

Harbour Department:—Special Expenditure, Training expenses of Government Marine Surveyors in England, Expenses of Assistant Government Marine Surveyors in connection with B.O.T. Training, \$5,058.

Provision made in Estimates \$7,200

Provision made by Supplementary Vote 11,582

Total 18,782

Estimated Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowance for Assistant Government Marine Surveyors training in United Kingdom.

Previous Estimates were based on 12 months course for Officers mentioned in Finance Message No. 5 Item No. 30 of 1929. Instead of 12 months only the undermentioned officers have been charged for by Crown Agents as follows:—

Mr. Sprague. 12 months from 1.8.28. No advice has been received of course ending so allowance must be estimated up to end of November, 1929, (December account is paid from following year's Vote)—August to November at £40 £160.

Mr. Stiff. Charged by Crown Agents 13½ months Excess over Estimate 1½ months at £40 60.

Mr. Hunter. Charged by Crown Agents for 11½ months, from 7.3.28 to 31.7.29. Advice received that Officer sailed from United Kingdom on 28.9.29 so allowance must be made for 1½ months at £40 60.

Mr. Swan. Was not allowed for when Estimate was prepared for Finance Message No. 5, Item 30 of 1929 as it was not known until 7th May, 1929, that he was drawing course allowance. Crown Agents have charged January-July 204.13.

Total 484.13.

\$484.13.0 is excess over the Estimates and this amount is now required to cover the actual and estimated expenditure for the remainder of the year. \$484.13.0 at Exchange 1/11—\$5,057.22.

The above is to be met from savings under Stores and Equipment for Lighthouses (1929 Estimates, page 26 sub-head 18).

Police Force:—Burial of Destitute Dead, \$150.

Provision made in Estimates, \$300.

The amount provided in the 1929 Estimates has been expended. Owing to recent heavy charges on this vote it will be necessary to supplement the vote to cover expenditure to the end of the year.

A vote for \$150 is therefore requested.

The above is to be met from savings under Petrol Oil, etc. for Police Motor Cars and Cycles.

Medical Department:—Furniture and repairs to furniture, \$500.

Provision made in Estimates, \$9,000.

The balance under this vote is now \$1,500 which will not be sufficient to meet the expenditure during the remaining months of the year. The deficiency is due to the following reasons:—

(1) Part of the cost for furnishing No. 463 the Peak which was converted into quarters for the Nursing Staff had to be charged to this vote and cost \$360.

(2) When a stenographer was appointed at the beginning of the year to assist the Visiting Medical Officer for Chinese Hospitals and Dispensaries typing table, chair, cupboard and book cases had to be obtained which cost \$180.

(3) The office for the Visiting Medical Officer for Chinese Hospitals and Dispensaries has recently been removed from the Fire Station Building to the Post Office Building and office furniture, viz.:—3 desks, chairs, etc. had to be ordered for the office staff as the old furniture which was used by them in the Fire Station Building is required by the Honourable Secretary for Chinese Affairs for use of his office staff.

The furniture vote which is intended for upkeep of hospital furniture and crockery could not bear all this expenditure without the aid of a supplementary vote.

The above is to be met from savings under Maintenance of Lunatics, etc. (1929 Estimates page 45 sub-head 18).

Public Works Department:—Other Charges, Special Expenditure, Rent for areas on Praya East Reclamation, \$3,780.

The Government Waterworks Workshops have stood for many years on land that has now become part of the Praya East Reclamation Scheme.

The Workshops are being removed to another site and the participants of the areas concerned have agreed to allow Government to remain in possession until the 28th February, 1930, when the new building will be ready for occupation. It had been hoped that it would have been possible to vacate the areas before rent became payable, but this hope was not realised.

A vote is requested to meet the rental until the end of this year. A vote for the sum necessary next year will be applied for in January. The amount now required is made up as follows:—

Inland Lot 2813 Rental \$300 per month from 1.4.29 to 31.12.29 \$2,700

Inland Lot 2814 part only Rental \$120 per month from 1.4.29 to 31.12.29 1,080

Total 3,780

Public Works, Extraordinary:—Furniture: to meet expenditure to the end of the year, \$4,500.

Provision made in Estimates, \$20,000.

The sum of \$20,000 was provided for this service in the Estimates but owing to the shortage of Government Quarters necessitating provision of extra furniture, and the additional expenditure to provide furniture for 6 Cadet Officers, this sum has been found to be insufficient. A supplementary vote of \$4,500 is requested which can be met from savings as shown below.

The above is to be met from savings under "Government Offices—Additional Storey".

Miscellaneous Services:—Government Gazette, \$1,000.

Provision made in Estimates, \$4,300.

The Gazette for the current year is more voluminous than in previous years and a further vote for \$1,000 will be necessary to cover expenditure to the end of the year.

Up to November 22 the number of pages in the Gazette and Supplement totalled 1686 as against 1406 for the corresponding period of 1928. The printers' charges are \$3.50 per page.

Twenty Ordinances were published in 1928 as against over thirty in the current year and the recently adopted practice of gazetting the acceptance of tenders has contributed to the increased volume of this publication.

Police Force:—25 Rewards, \$200.

Provision made in Estimates \$1,200

Provision made by Supplementary vote 500

Total 1,700

The amount payable for rewards for special services has been larger than usual this year and the vote is now exhausted. There has been an unusually large number of detections of returned banished.

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Medical Department:—Bacteriological Institute, Animals and Fodder, \$400.

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The dialling tone which will be heard almost as soon as the receiver is put to the ear is the equivalent of the operator's "number please" and indicates that a mechanical operator is at the service of the subscriber.

The ringing tone indicates that the mechanical operator has functioned satisfactorily and is ringing the bell on the telephone of the number dialled.

The busy tone corresponds to the operator's "Number engaged," and the number unobtainable tone, to the operator's "There is no connection" or "Line out of order."

If it is remembered that a low tone indicates that the call is progressing satisfactorily and a high tone that the call is ineffective, this will also serve as a guide to subscribers.

The work on the new system is progressing rapidly and preliminary tests have proved very satisfactory. It will be appreciated that very thorough and extensive testing is necessary on every part of the equipment and under all working conditions, but no matter how thoroughly this is performed it will still fall short of its object unless we have the very close co-operation of the subscribers in making themselves familiar with the instruction and with the methods of operation.

Shortly before the change-over it will be necessary to make certain temporary arrangements in the existing manual Exchanges whereby the standard method of indicating to the operator that the subscriber has finished his conversation will be considerably modified and will in effect make the work of the operators much more difficult and subscribers are asked to bear this in mind and to remember that it is inseparable from a satisfactory change-over.

NIGHT OF TERROR

Angry Mob Attacks
The Police

Frankfurt, Yesterday.
A night of terror followed a demonstration last night near the City Hall, where the municipality were discussing the question of Christmas relief for the unemployed.

Police used revolvers and dispersed the demonstrators, but the rioting continued all night. The mobs smashed shop windows and tried to loot shops, whilst stones and other missiles were hurled at the police from the street, from windows and from roofs.

Many police, onlookers, and rioters were injured, and 30 arrests made. Meanwhile, a stormy meeting in the City Council granted one million marks as a special relief. All was quiet this morning.—Reuter.

TANG SENG-CHI

Rebel's Headquarters
Closed Up

Peking, Yesterday.
Acting upon instructions from Nanking, the local military authorities have closed up and sealed Tang Seng-chi's headquarters here, disarming and arresting Tang's guards.

Tang's representative here fled before the arrival of the Shanai troops.—Reuter.

DICTATOR'S DEATH

Passing Of Marshal
Gomes da Costa

Lisbon, Yesterday.
The death is announced of Marshal Gomes da Costa, ex-Dictator of the Portuguese Republic, who commanded a Portuguese division in France in the Great War.—Reuter.

REVENUE OFFICER FINED

At the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith registered a conviction against Revenue Officer Tallon in the case in which he was summoned for assaulting a driver and a fireman of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. He was fined \$10. In the cross-examination taken out by R.O. Tallon against the driver for obstructing him in the execution of his duty, his Worship also convicted and ordered the driver to pay a fine of \$10.

POLICE PROCEDURE
IN ARRESTSCRITICISED BY THE PUISNE
JUDGE

A ROBBERS' BANQUET

His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) criticised Police procedure when presiding yesterday at the second of the three armed robbery trials making up the December Criminal Sessions calendar. "I think it desirable that the Police should follow out their powers exactly. If they give evidence of arrest, it should be evidence of proper arrest," he said. The warrant was to cover a search for arms and a man was arrested for alleged participation in robbery.

The affair took place on May 30, 1929, at No. 108, Des Voeux Road West, when a woman was robbed of jewellery worth \$2,000 and \$200 in bank notes.

When Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney-General), dealing with evidence of identification, asked complainant to look at prisoner in the dock, the latter said "I feel such agony when I cast my eyes on him that I don't want to see him at all."

Prisoner's story at the Magistracy (he was not arrested until October 26) was that he was absent from Hong Kong on the day of the robbery. On returning, however, the four men who did take part invited him to a banquet and told him that they each had a share of \$105, he said in his statement.

Yesterday he denied committing the robbery and insisted that he had been wrongly identified by the complainant.

The jury, after a short retirement, brought in a verdict of "not guilty," which his Lordship said was in accordance with the weight of the evidence.

"JESSIE JAMES"

Paramount Picture At
Majestic

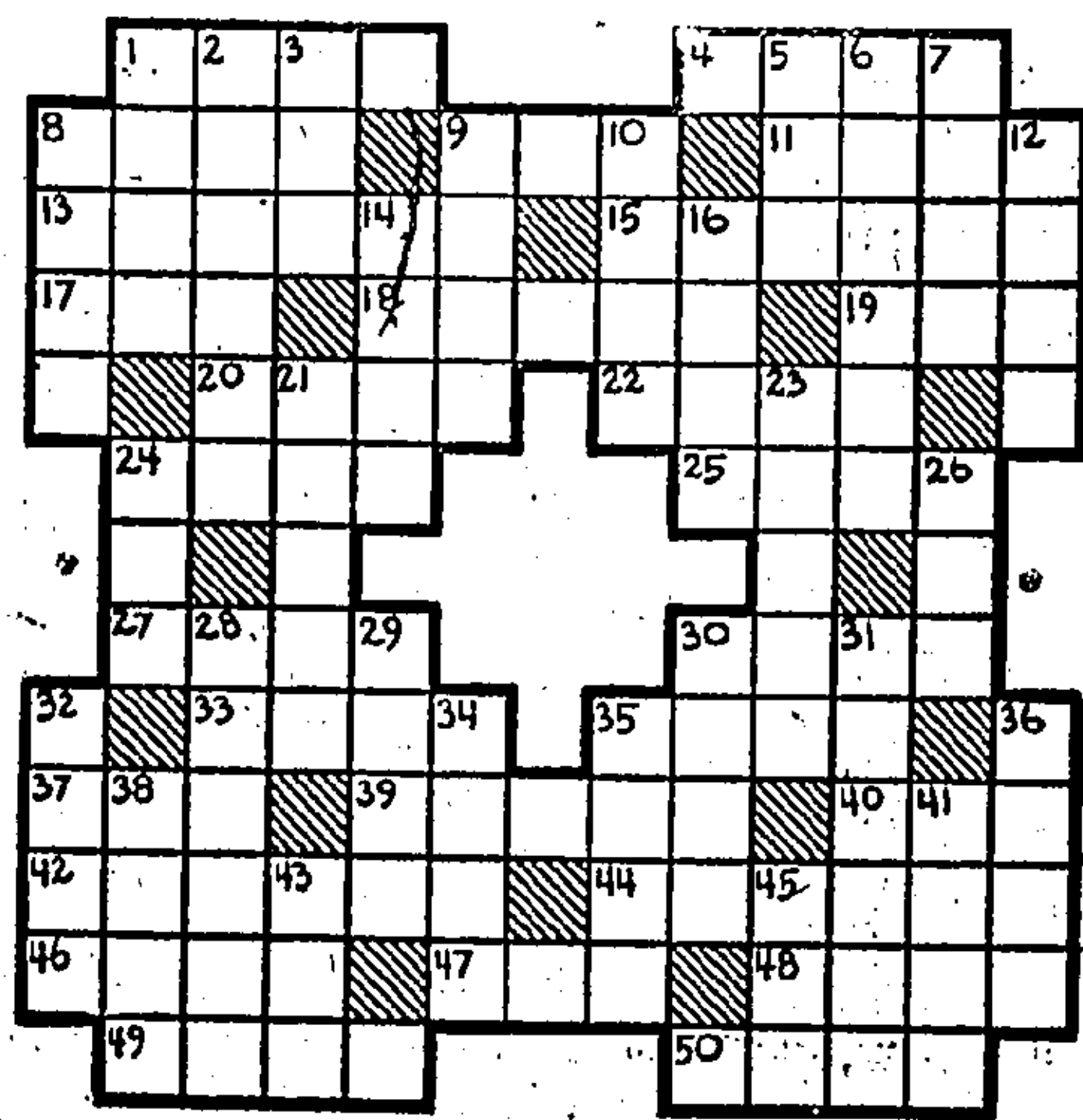
The Paramount Picture "Jessie James," starring Fred Thomson, began its first run in the Majestic Theatre yesterday, to packed houses. Dealing throughout the civil war between the Northern and Southern States, Fred Thomson is seen as the courageous, care-free, outlaw—a bandit, a menace to trains, and a pest to the people. In the end he has to pay for his disregard of law—death!

The film, on the whole, is very interesting, the scenery being of outstanding merit, and the acting good.

Co-starred with Thomson is Nora Lane, whilst the supporting cast includes Mary Carr, Montague Love, and Harry Woods.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Burdensome work
- 4-To box
- 8-Darnel
- 9-Cry softly
- 11-Accessory covering of a seed
- 12-To entangle in mesh
- 15-Smoothly and quietly
- 17-Grassy meadow
- 18-The lord of the underworld (Gr. Myth.)
- 19-Over (Poet.)
- 20-Condann
- 22-A Portuguese coin (pl.)
- 24-To emit swiftly
- 25-Regretted
- 27-Trudge
- 30-An encounter between two parties
- 33-The dye indigo
- 35-Bulldoze

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 37-A mischievous child
- 39-A manufacturing city in France
- 40-Unrefined metal
- 42-A relative
- 44-Passion
- 46-Part of the human leg
- 47-Female deer
- 48-A silver coin of Italy
- 49-Familial name
- 50-House, past (pl.)

VERTICAL

- 1-Domesticated
- 2-A fleet of war vessels
- 3-Obscure
- 5-Comrade
- 6-Bong-like
- 7-To vex
- 8-Thin piece of baked clay
- 9-Fruit
- 10-A Dutch colonist of South Africa
- 12-A violent harp-like instrument
- 14-A missile
- 16-A river in the Tyrol and Bavaria
- 21-A constellation
- 23-Same as Aconit
- 24-To extend downward
- 26-Eastern State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 28-Passed slowly by degrees
- 29-A piece of U. S. money
- 30-A native of Denmark
- 31-Pertaining to Aesop
- 32-A thick soup
- 34-Grass
- 35-Speak
- 36-The queen of the gods (Gr. Myth.)
- 38-Pronoun
- 41-Obsolete form of rear
- 43-A number
- 45-1081 (Roman)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still other words. A letter helps in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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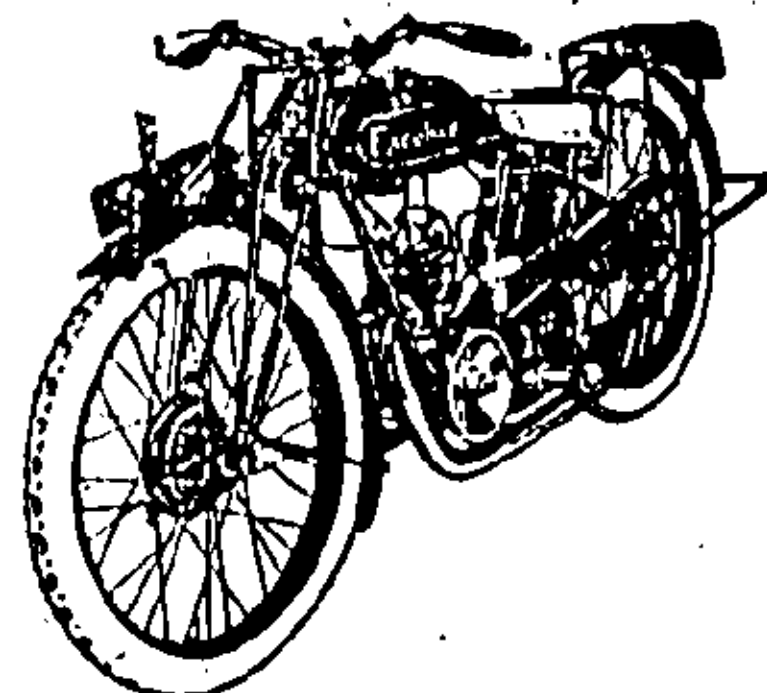
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CAR EVOLUTION

Pride Of British Achievement THE ANCIENT CHARIOTS

We cull the following from "The Pride of Achievement," a short account of the Development of the motor manufacturing industry of Great Britain, written by Mr. H. Thornton Rutter and issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Limited:—

According to Greek mythology, the chariot was invented by Erichonius to conceal his feet which were those of a dragon. Hence the poet's declaration "Seated in car, by him constructed first to hide his hideous feet."

Whether this was the truth in regard to this fourth King of Athens who was deformed in his lower limbs, matters not to us nowadays but due to his invention of the chariot and the manner of harnessing horses to draw it, he laid the foundation of a British industry.

The ancient Britons were famous for their chariots and when Julius Caesar had conquered the country in B.C. 55 and during the Roman occupation for 500 years, the most prized present from the Roman in Britain to his friends at Rome was a British chariot.

Thus even 1930 years ago British cars were the best available. To-day twenty centuries later, this reputation is being maintained.

High Reputation

As where does the modern charioteer seek for the best car? Why in England, as any schoolboy can tell such enquirers.

A valuable asset in life is high reputation and good character whether it be applied to individuals or to goods. It is a virtue to be cherished and cared for, to be jealously guarded against contamination.

British goods have established a high reputation all over the world on account of their sterling value.

No doubt the ancient Briton preferred to ride or drive than walk on his feet so he did his best to produce the most suitable vehicle. It evidently was this or else Suetonius and other Romans would not have started exporting them to other parts of the Empire.

We send our modern cars and commercial motors to-day to an even greater Empire than Caesar ruled. Yet thirty years ago there were only some 3,000 motors of all sorts, private carriages, commercial vehicles and hackney cabs in Britain.

In 1900 the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland (now the Royal Automobile Club) organised a tour of Britain by motor vehicles covering 1,000 miles. The cars visited all the chief towns and cities in their tour which included part of Scotland.

So successful was this demonstration in proving to the public that the motor vehicle was a practical mechanical road transporter that in 1905 the number of motors in Great Britain had multiplied sevenfold. Statistics of the period give the figure of 23,000 motors as running in British roads.

In 1907 the workers in motor factories in Great Britain were making 1,000 cars and commercial vehicles each month of that year and increased the total to 14,000 per annum in 1910.

Output of British Vehicles

It is estimated that there were 10,000 people engaged in the motor industry at that time. There were eighty car and commercial vehicle manufacturers at this period in England, Scotland and Ireland although the last named had only one small factory in Belfast.

Out of these eighty British manufacturers of that day, thirty of the firms are still producing motors under the same titles. The remainder have either quit the business, amalgamated with other motor firms or reappeared under new names.

In 1911 the production of British motors increased to 19,000, the workpeople employed numbered 66,000 and British motors were steadily making their mark in the automobile world for their sturdy qualities.

The result was that in 1918 the public bought 44,000 cars and commercial motors from British factories and nearly 8,000 cars, business vehicles and chassis were sold abroad.

At that period Great Britain had proved to the world that British was best in motor carriages and heavy business vehicles for hard work.

The British heavy lorry especially, was making friends by its stout service in all parts of the world as well as in the home country.

Then came the Great War in 1914, when the whole resources of this young industry were placed at the disposal of the Country.

Mechanical transport, indeed, played an essential part in victory, even if the British lorry and the British tank could only be provided at the sacrifice of progress in design for the purposes of peace, and the inevitable strangling almost at birth, of an export trade to the Empire and the World.

The drain and strain of war and the achievements of the British industry during the War are sometimes forgotten.

Increased Employment

It is well that we should be reminded that time alone can remove the consequences, direct and indirect, of our part in the greatest struggle the World has ever seen.

Nevertheless our British motor makers never lost heart and in spite of all difficulties production increased from 44,000 in 1913 to 88,000 in 1923, employing 194,000 workpeople in the whole industry.

To-day it may be estimated that 250,000 men and women are engaged directly in the manufacture of motors and probably yet another 250,000 in the many allied trades from which the manufacturer obtains his raw materials and accessories. Motor production has indeed become one of the greatest industries of the country.

British motor production jumped up to 132,000 vehicles in 1924 due to the production of popular priced models and from that date increased by 30,000 vehicles per annum until to-day it has reached over the 200,000 mark.

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COACHWORK

More Attention From Manufacturers

Motor car manufacturers are giving more attention to coachwork than ever before. This is apparent in the new models now being displayed. Never before in the history of the automobile industry has such superb luxury and matchless comfort been built into motor car coachwork.

This decided trend is exemplified in the new Special De Luxe models recently introduced by Pierce Arrow as additions to the company's line of Straight Eights.

The graceful body lines and distinctive colourings of Pierce Arrow's new Special De Luxe models are further enhanced by the smart interior equipment. The cushioning resembles in appearance that of a cogswell chair. The finest of broadcloth, exquisitely tailored, is used. Velvet carpets, padded with a thick layer of resilient ozite and lined with duck, provide rich floor coverings. Individual hassocks replace the customary foot rail. Tiffany like fittings, vanity cases and lighters add to the luxury of the settings.

OCTOBER TRADE

A Record For The Pierce-Arrow

Pierce-Arrow officials have announced record October passenger car shipments, the figures showing considerably in excess of those of 1928. The substantial increases over all previous years which Pierce-Arrow has been showing since last January, are being maintained, the volume for 1929 to date being nearly double that of 1928.

The outlook for the continuation



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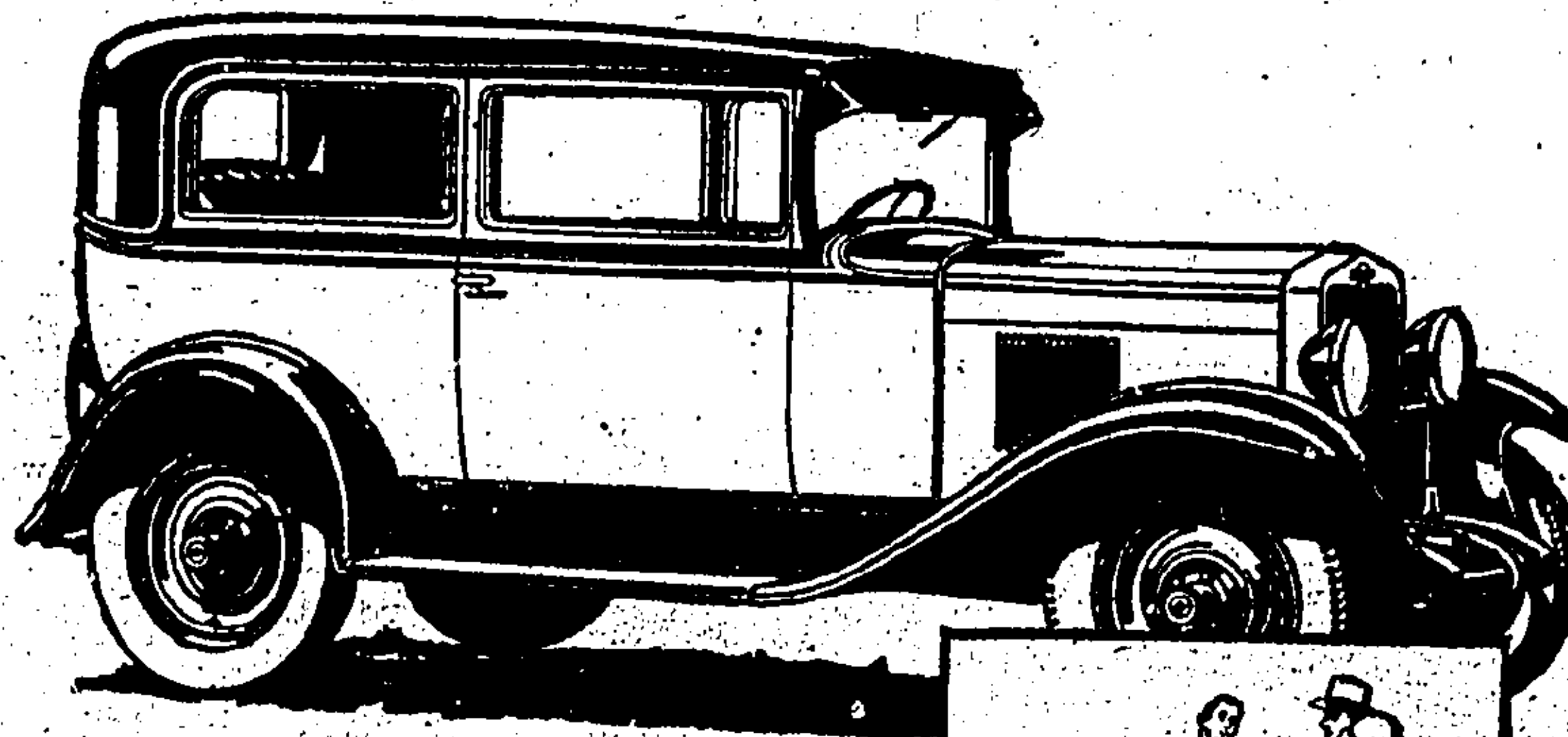
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CAR EVOLUTION

(Continued from Page 12.)

The whole world is indebted to Great Britain for first producing the pneumatic tyre. But for this invention, little progress could have been made in motor road transport as the solid rubber tyre could not fully absorb the road shocks caused by uneven surfaces travelled over by the vehicle.

The pneumatic tyre gave comfortable travelling as well as swifter moving vehicles.

Motorists to-day are apt to forget the debt they owe on this account to the pioneer tyre makers for this British invention.

The experience gained in solving the various troubles in the early tyre production has placed Great Britain foremost in this important part of the equipment of the road motor.

One has only to refer to the existing world speed records, all made on British tyres, to realise their quality must be the highest grade to withstand such strains.

Improving the Vehicle

In the years from 1900 to 1912 the passengers and drivers of motor vehicles were none too well sheltered from inclement weather conditions in open cars, the then prevailing type of private carriage or in open "cabs" or the driver's front seats of commercial vehicles.

The windscreen was an "extra" in those days, and the motorist had also to buy such accessories as horns, clocks, speedometers, etc., and pay to have them fitted, instead of such equipment being included in the list price of the complete vehicle.

The "spare wheel" was another development in this period after many experiments had proved that the detachable rim was not as acceptable to the public as changing the complete wheel when a puncture of an inner tube or a cut tyre cover compelled the driver to provide a new wheel covering to continue the journey.

Changing tyres on the roadside was a longer and more irksome job than changing the complete wheel.

To-day every motor vehicle carries one or two spare wheels, while comfort and full protection is given to the drivers as well as the passengers in carriages and commercial vehicles alike by adequate hoods and side windows.

The standard equipment of the car of to-day does not however stop at spare wheels and hoods. It is seldom indeed that the purchaser of a car is called upon to outlay any additional money on such accessories as can be regarded necessary for the comfort or efficiency of the car as a unit.

More often is it to be found that refinements amounting to luxuries are included in the fixed price of the car.

British automobile designers were responsible for the practical construction and adoption of worm rear-axle drive as an alternative to the bevel wheels drive and the longer stroke piston for the engine as well as the development of the more silent running motor.

Development Of The Small Car

From 1912 and onwards up to the present day the more efficient high-speed engine of small capacity was created by British engineers, and this foundation laid for the small car giving good and economical service to the owner whether for business or general utility road transport.

In developing the high-speed engine—that is a motor which could rapidly increase its useful power by a greater number of revolutions of the crankshaft and flywheel per minute—more attention was given to the metallurgical problems of its construction.

This was the outcome of it having been established that lightness in construction was within limits a question of metallic strength.

Therefore, as well as providing better bearings of the moving parts, designers of British motor cars have been able to give their cars greater economy in fuel consumption, and more power.

SLOW DRIVER

Big Menace To Traffic

With authorities endeavouring to relieve the growing traffic congestion in every town and city, experts generally are emphasizing the importance of quick pick-up and get-away in automobiles as a factor in clearing traffic.

Engineers of the Willys-Overland Company, who have studied the traffic problem and endeavored to build automobiles to meet it, declare that the ease of handling the Whippet four and six-cylindered cars in heavy traffic is due largely to the quick get-away of those cars from a standing start. These cars also can be brought to an instant stop due to the powerful braking system on four wheels, they added.

Facility and comfort in the handling of either Whippet model in traffic also is aided by ease of steering. This has been made possible by the use of an entirely new steering gear which was designed for this car and which gives a much greater reduction between the worm wheel and thus reduces the effort required to steer it. Along with these features, the Whippet has a low centre of gravity for greater road stability and riding comfort, and is of such a compact construction that it assures parking in the smallest possible space, although the roominess of the interior is generous throughout, the engineers say. But speed and power to take the steepest hills along with economy of operation are pointed out as outstanding features.

This year, however, Willys-Overland engineers have emphasized style of design and distinctiveness of appearance to an unusual degree and have incorporated in the Whippet an appeal to the eye as well as its proven mechanical advantages.

stronger connecting rods and pistons, chassis frames and transmission gears.

The result was that British motor vehicles of all types to-day are made of materials produced and finished in Britain better than in any other part of the world. Purchasers of motor vehicles should remember the important factor towards long life and economy of upkeep thus given to British motors.

Thirty years ago the designer of the horse-drawn vehicles had arrived at a very advanced stage in both craftsmanship and efficiency, whether the purpose of the coachwork was to convey my Lady Fayre to Court or goods from the factory to the railroad.

The advent of the motor driven vehicle astonished and confounded the coachbuilder, as he was asked to abandon much of his preconceived ideas and experience in order to provide suitable superstructures for the chassis.

The Growth In Output

Nevertheless instead of boldly denouncing the designer of the chassis for not taking into consideration the needs of elegance of lines for body work, the carriage designer accepted the changing conditions by endeavouring to adopt dog-cart and landau styles of horse drawn carriages as suitable designs for placing on the mechanical chassis. Very crude and uncomfortable were these early motor carriages.

The commercial motor vehicles at that period were confined to a few chassis fitted with light covered van or open platform lorry bodies. Also in most instances, the chassis was manufactured at one factory and the coachwork built at another.

Great delay was caused by want of co-ordination in production, due to each business being in independent hands. After chassis were waiting for bodies, or bodies waiting for chassis, the motorist was often faced with a long delay in getting his vehicle.

FEMININE TOUCH

Studebaker's Style Committee

The feminine influence, ever a factor in the purchase of a motor car, has become so strong in recent years that some of the more prominent among motor manufacturers are now retaining the services of feminine artists and designers to assist in specifying colours, finish and appointments. Conspicuous in this trend toward utilizing the "feminine touch" is Studebaker whose engineering advisory staff now includes a style committee made up of six women whose word in art is accepted as authority.

This unique committee includes: Helen Dryden, Mrs. Lee Simonson, Marjorie Oelrichs, Neysa McMein, Rose O'Neill and Marion C. Taylor, women whose talents for true harmony in colours, in textures, in lines, curves and planes are world recognized.

Highest Paid Woman

Helen Dryden is the highest paid woman artist in America. First to originate decorative magazine covers, she is considered a pioneer in modern art. She is also a successful interior decorator and designer of stage costumes. Mrs. Simonson, noted artist and decorator, enjoys a unique position as an arbiter of good taste, sharing the genius of her husband who is a director of New York's famous Theatre Guild.

Marjorie Oelrichs was one of the first society women to enter business. She runs a fashionable interior decorating shop on Madison Avenue, New York, besides enjoying a national reputation for her paintings and sketches.

Neysa McMein is a sought-after magazine cover designer. She does covers for various popular American magazines. Her work has been exhibited at the National Academy of Design, New York.

Few American women have achieved more widespread artistic success than Rose O'Neill. She is also an author. Marion Taylor, formerly merchandising editor for Vogue, Vanity Fair and House and Garden, is a style counsellor for a number of large concerns. She is considered an outstanding authority on fashions in America and Europe.

Importance of Colours

A recent statement by A. R. Erskine, President of the Studebaker Corporation, emphasizes the importance of beautiful colours and appointments in the motor car.

"One of the most happy and far reaching developments which has characterized American social life since the war has been the insistent demand for beauty in our industrial arts. That quality or combination of qualities which gratifies the eye or ear, or which delights the intellect or moral sense by its grace, that thing called beauty, has always characterized the fine arts and it also lies at the root of all style in those useful arts which have endured through the centuries."

Smart New Hues

The recommendations of these artists played an important part in the selection of colours and appointments for the new Studebakers. Noteworthy among the smart new colours is a combination of silver pine with slate green window facings, darker coach green wire wheels, and orange coral striping. Another combination, one of the smartest of the season, is a rich maroon with gleaming black running gear and gold striping. Harmonizing with these smart colours are beautiful mohair and broad-cloth upholstery fabrics.

"THE MOTOR SHIP"

In the November issue of "The Motor Ship," published by the Temple Press, Ltd., the following subjects are dealt with:

The Latest Blue Funnel Cargo Liner "Agamemnon."
The Tanker Position Analysed.
The Messageries Maritimes Liner "Bridan" (Fully Illustrated).
A New Waste Heat Boiler.
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SEVERE TESTS

Pioneer Hunt For Diamonds

The severe tests to which the modern automobile is often subjected and the strange roles it is frequently called upon to play, are illustrated by the achievement of a Studebaker motor car which recently carried a party of American mining engineers on a pioneer hunt for diamonds among the cannibal tribes of Central Africa. The car was instrumental in saving the lives of its occupants and in contributing to the subsequent success of the venture.

It was into a section of "darkest Africa" that the American engineers working South of the Luembo river were ordered to prospect for new diamond concessions. In making preparations for their invasion of the Bakete country, the Americans encountered great difficulty in persuading any natives to accompany them. They feared they would be the main course of a Bakete jungle feast.

Warnings Unheeded

An old Studebaker car which had already covered 30,000 miles on trips around the workings was used. In spite of dire warnings that penetration of the Bakete country was the height of folly, the expedition started out. There were no roads and the character of the country varied from dense jungle along the rivers to open hilly stretches covered by lush growth of grass and shrubs.

The first fifty miles took the party to the end of even a semblance of road. The second day, the Bakete country was reached. A cautious advance failed to disclose any Baketes. In this territory, where others had been massacred by cannibals, there was not the slightest indication of human habitation.

A Steel Monster

The strange sight of a steel monster had utterly demoralized the natives, who, accustomed to meet the enemy with dash and courage, were at a loss to know what to make of this new invader. They apparently feared that some dreadful beast had descended upon them to take toll of their misdeeds. In a couple of hours, the Baketes crept forward cautiously and surrounded the car. They watched the native servant fill the radiator and add gasoline. An aged inhabitant crept forward and touched the car. His finger pressed the horn and the "beast" let out a roar, sending the savage scurrying back to his companions. Soon the entire camp was around the Studebaker clapping their hands, trying in every conceivable way to impress it with their friendliness.

What might have been gained only at the expense of much bloodshed was won in an hour by an automobile with a flair for impressing cannibals with the proper amount of respect. Under such excellent auspices, negotiations with the natives were soon under way and the diamond hunting venture was carried to a successful conclusion.

'BUS AND LORRY

Features Of British Manufacture

It may be said with some confidence that the Commercial Motor Transport Exhibition, which opened at Olympia on November 7, is of more interest from an engineering standpoint than the recent Motor Show. Touring cars are decidedly more standardised than commercial vehicles, and the average purchaser of the former attaches at least as much importance to the body work as to the chassis. Commercial vehicles, on the other hand, are largely purchased under the advice of engineers with a wide experience of road work, who are usually quite capable of giving due weight to the relative merits of different chassis for particular requirements. As a consequence, the representatives of the different firms exhibiting at the Commercial Exhibition are usually fully competent to discuss their products from a technical aspect, and a further feature tending to increase the interest in this exhibition is that a number of special-purpose vehicles are on show. Many new models of both the four and six-wheeled types are on view but the difference between these and earlier models will frequently be found to be comparatively small, and more in the nature of detail improvements than radical changes in design. At least four of the firms exhibiting, however, have only recently commenced commercial vehicle manufacture, although three of them have previously had a wide experience in either touring car or motor-cycle production. As these firms are thus free from previous traditions in commercial vehicle design, and have been able to view the type of chassis in use from a detached standpoint, their products are likely to attract particular attention.

scope, a word may perhaps be justifiable regarding body work. The development of long-distance coach services has created a demand for really comfortable passenger accommodation, and whether as a reaction from this or because improvements in the chassis have served to direct attention to defects in the seating accommodation, short distance coaches have also been much improved in this respect. On the other hand, modern design favours a minimum overall height, and in the case of long-distance coaches, there is a tendency to reduce unduly the head room on the upper deck, with the result that passengers are obliged to stoop when using the gangway. Another common defect is that the stairway is unprotected from the weather, and finally there appears to be no sound reason why both driver and conductor should not also be fully protected.

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjisondari	
Shanghai and Amoy	Kanchow	
U.S.A. (Seattle, November 30), Japan and		
Shanghai	President Madison	
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.		
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, Nov. 21 and Parcels, Nov. 14)	Khiva	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22.		
Straits	Hakusan Maru	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Aki Maru	3.30 p.m.
Saloon	Haidis	5 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Ichang	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.		
Saloon	Haidis	8.30 a.m.
Calcutta via Straits	Namsang	
	Parcels	Dec. 20, Noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Malphong and Wuchow via Halphong		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Canton	2 p.m.
Malwa (Due Marseilles, Jan. 17, 1930.)		
K.P.O.		
Parcels	Dec. 20, 4.40 p.m.	
Registration	Dec. 21, 9 a.m.	
Letters	10 a.m.	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.		
Java via Batavia	Tjisondari	9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hal Ning	2 p.m.
Straits	Cyclops	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Japan	Khiva	8.30 p.m.
Manila	President Madison	4.30 p.m.
Holow, Halphong and Wuchow via Halphong	Borneo	5 p.m.
Saloon	Clara Jensen	5 p.m.
Japan and *S. American Ports	Anyo Maru	5 p.m.
Amoy	Anlung	5 p.m.
*Europe via Siberia	Anyo Maru	
Registration	Dec. 21, 5 p.m.	
Letters	5.15 p.m.	

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THE RUSSO-CHINESE DISPUTE

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS ON ACTION BY POWERS

PROPOSALS APPROVED

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Mander asked what countries had associated themselves with the initiative of the United States in appealing to China and Soviet Russia to observe their obligations under the Kellogg Pact.
Mr. Henderson replied that the French and Italian Governments had taken the same steps as the United States and Great Britain in the matter. Replies had been received by the United States Government from a number of other governments, approving of the proposal made to them. The fact that direct negotiations had been begun between the Soviet and the Chinese Governments no doubt made it seem unnecessary to many other governments to follow suit.—Reuter.

Train Not Stopped

Nanking, Yesterday.
Chang Hsueh-liang reports that the American, British, French, Italian and eight foreign journalists, arrived at Peking on the morning of December 14 on the way to inspect the condition of Manchull and Dahan.

The Party left for Mientuho the same afternoon, arriving there in the evening. The troops along the line were ordered to give due protection. Reuter's telegram from Tokyo of December 16 that the Chinese Authorities had stopped the International Train is incorrect.—Canton News Agency.

Railway Guards

Peking, Yesterday.
Chinese sources report that Tsai Yun-sheng is now conversing with Melnikov and Simanovsky at Harbarovsk. They are reported to be discussing the occupation of the western section of the C.E.R., Russians declaring that there were no regular Russians in that area, only Mongols with whom they had no connections.

The delegates are said to have disagreed on the matter of railway guards, each demanding that its own soldiers perform this duty.

International Train

Tokyo, Yesterday.
From Harbin, it is learned that the international train returned to Buchatu, arriving yesterday afternoon.

The Consular representatives, it is believed, have given up hope of

DEVELOPING AIR ROUTES

CAPE TO CAIRO SERVICE TO BE READY NEXT YEAR

AIRSHIP TRIALS

Rugby, Yesterday.
Mr. F. Montague, Under-Secretary for Air, questioned regarding progress in developing the Cairo to the Cape route, said that proposals for this service had been agreed in principle with the various Governments concerned, and had also been accepted by the Imperial Airways Company. Various preparatory details of the organising service were in hand.

Satisfactory arrangements had been made regarding the ground organisation within the Union of

Degrees	
Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day	67
Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday	69
Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day	93
Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday	86

South Africa. The First section of the service was expected to be ready in June 1930, and the second half about six months later.

The R-101
Replying to questions about the airship R101, Mr. Montague said that modifications were being made which the trials had shown to be desirable. It was proposed further, to increase the efficiency of the airship by the insertion of an additional bag. The airship would resume her flying as soon as the alterations were completed.—British Wireless Service.

getting through to Hailar to accomplish their mission.

Safety Not Guaranteed

Peking, Yesterday.
Reports that the Barga area, west of Heilungkiang, is no longer under Chinese control, appear to be confirmed by Harbin reports. C.E.R. authorities have stated that they cannot guarantee the safety of the international train beyond Mientuho, as they have no employees westward of that place.
Chinese reports declare that on Saturday last Russian troops fought and disarmed a body of the anti-Russian Mongolian Self-Defence Corps at Hailar. The following day the Russians invited the pro-Russian Young Mongols Party to enter and take charge of Hailar.—Reuter.

LAST CASE ON THE CALENDAR

CHINESE ACCUSED OF ROBBING GOLD ORNAMENTS

ALLEGATION OF '3RD DEGREE'

The last case on the calendar for the Criminal Sessions was proceeded with this morning by His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) at the Supreme Court, when Ip To, alias Ip To-tak was charged with robbing Ng Yung of \$30 in money, and Lam Kam of a gold chain, gold bracelet, gold finger ring, gold wrist watch, gold watch, police whistle, two pairs of gold earrings and \$40 in money.

Lo Jeuk was charged with aiding and abetting by opening a door and giving the robbers admittance to the floor at No. 60, Jardine's Bazaar.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, for the Crown, in outlining the case said that early in the morning of November 8 a daughter of the principal tenant went out to sell eggs. She returned at eight o'clock and bolted the door. Three robbers appeared on the scene shortly afterwards and drove the occupants in to a rear cubicle. The men were armed with the separate halves of a pair of scissors.

First Accused Caught

Ng Yung, one of the occupants, succeeded in attracting the attention of a Chinese doctor living next door, by throwing a pair of slippers through a window into the yard. When the doctor entered the floor the robbers ran away but after a long chase the first accused was caught.

The second accused, counsel said, was asked by both the robbers to take part in the robbery but he refused to do so. The part he played was simply to open the door to the robbers. Also he did not chase the robbers.

Forced to Confess

The second prisoner denied assisting the robbers to enter the floor. On his denial, accused alleged he was held down by five or six policemen who struck him and prodded his chest with truncheons to force him to confess. He further accused Inspector Murphy of striking him over the eyes with a ruler to make him confess.

The case is proceeding.



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